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New city department focuses on environment

By Mary Flaherty

ALBANY — The city is restructuring its operations to devote more resources to environmental issues and to have two departments run more efficiently, according to a report by City Administrator Daren Fields last week.

The former Public Works and Engineering departments were combined into a new Department of Community Development and Environmental Resources last December.

Through the new department structure and one-half positions to be added to the payroll, it will cost the city an additional \$11,000, said Fields. And through the efficiency of a single department, it will not only save that \$11,000 but also bring in money through environmental grants, he said.

The recent and anticipated vacancies of four positions — public works superintendent, public works director, planning director and plan technician — due to retire-

ment, a departure for law and another for the Peace Corps, respectively, created an opportunity to reorganize two departments that are traditionally at cross-purposes in many cities, said Fields.

For example, he said, a home-building an addition previously had to go through two separate departments, Public Works and Engineering, which weren't always aware of each other's requirements and regulations. Now, that home-builder deals with one unified department.

Fields, who stepped up to the administrator position last December, said that after six years as assistant city administrator, he believed the planning and

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Residents Nancy Gans (left) and Sundar Shadi (far right) with Mayor Norman La Force, City Councilmember Norma Jellison and Assemblywoman Barbara Lee.

EC Earth Day celebrates with hands-on

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — About 300 volunteers made El Cerrito's first participatory Earth Day event an encouraging success last Saturday. City staff members fully expect the community cleanup effort to become an annual Earth Day tradition.

"We absolutely expect it to continue," said city manager Gary Pokorney. "We've had an Earth Day celebration for many years. This is a continuation of

that tradition, pointed in a slightly different direction but building on the same values have been long established in our community."

The celebration of Earth Day has long been an El Cerrito tradition, thanks in large part to the efforts of resident Nancy Gans who took major responsibility for organizing the day's activities. They included inspirational speeches and a sharing of information on important environmental issues.

At a special ceremony Saturday, Gans was honored for her efforts by

Mayor Norman La Force, former community events manager Joel Witherell (who now works on a contract basis for the city, taking responsibility for the Adopt-a-Park and other programs), and other city officials.

Also honored was Sundar Shadi, who has for many years enhanced the quality of community life with the beautiful floral displays and Christmas scene he has created on his Arlington Boulevard property.

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Expansion plans would double size of EC Plaza Lucky

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Lucky Stores may double the size of its El Cerrito Plaza operation.

Plaza co-owner Milton Bilak and a representative of Lucky met with city officials Saturday to present initial plans for building a new store in the southeast corner of the Plaza.

The need for some kind of improvements at El Cerrito Plaza has been a community discussion topic for years. In the last year or two, that discussion has intensified, in part because of recommendations made by the Redevelopment Advisory Committee and voter passage of an amended Redevelopment Plan, with significant funding options set aside specifically for the Plaza.

The current city council has made clear its interest in Plaza improvement; most council members have said it is one of the major concerns they encounter when talking with citizens. They have also indicated some frustration with the lack of significant improvement changes at the Plaza in recent years, though they support recent increased activity at the center (such as the Farmer's Market).

Redevelopment agency manager Gerry Raycraft said Friday's meeting was productive in allowing both sides to share their interests in Plaza improvement. On the other hand, he said, everything is very preliminary, and there's a long way to go.

He said, for example, that "both Mr. Bilak and Lucky have interest in developing a new store" but that "would require much more than a nod of the head from the city and agency," in that a number of environmental issues would be raised, including those related to traffic and circulation.

Raycraft said the preliminary plans call for construction of a completely new store. It would be built

first, then items would be transferred from the current store (with a shutdown of operation from perhaps 30 to 45 days), then the current store would be razed.

"Eventually, the building where Lucky is currently located would become surface parking," he said.

According to city planner Ed Phillips, the preliminary plans call for an additional 30,000 square feet of market space than is now available. The new store would be about 62,000 square feet under the current concept, he said.

Only when Lucky submits an official application to the city will the official permits, approvals and environmental review process begin. The city already has certain concerns in mind and shared some of those with Bilak, his architect and the representative from Lucky.

One of the key environmental issues connected to any development of the south edge of the Plaza is the future of Cerrito Creek, which is under ground at the proposed building site but above ground further west.

"We're encouraging them to look at southside creek restoration," said Raycraft. "There's some (city) interest in opening (the underground portion) up there." That discussion is preliminary, he said, since it isn't clear whether there would even be room to do so. The city might consider asking for certain creek improvements to the west rather than a reopening of that portion, for example.

He went on to say, however, that "at minimum, we're looking at a definite need to open a pedestrian corridor through there."

The south edge of the Plaza is a common connection for students and others attempting to access the BART path. During a tour of the site Friday, five students walked

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Continuing park cleanup efforts paying off

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Parks all over town got a facelift last Saturday (see story above), including Poinsett Park, where about 20 volunteers, both children and adults, swept and raked and planted and picked up

for the Friends of Poinsett Park, last Saturday's weren't a one-shot proposition. Keeping the park clean and attractive is part of the neighborhood's ongoing program. Earth Day '95 was the third Poinsett Park cleanup day; the first was held in October of 1993.

We had a meeting, and a whole bunch of people showed up, said resident Suzanne Neuman. "Everybody said, 'Yeah, we'll clean up the park.' We had tons of people at our first cleanup...mostly vegetation, it was a jungle. The clubhouse was covered with graffiti, and we cleaned all that up. There's no graffiti in the park right now."

It was Neuman who organized the Adopt-a-Park program for Poinsett. She had read an article by city staff

member Beth Bartke about Vern and Joyce Odlin's work in organizing Friends of Huber Park.

"My daughter, Shannon, was a year old, and I wanted to do something in the community," she said. "The park is just across from my house, and I said, 'I can do that.'"

Because of Neuman's efforts, the park has undergone a major transformation — and there's more to come.

The park looks clean and well cared for, thanks to about two dozen volunteers that have participated in four cleanup Saturdays.

Neuman, however, was among those neighboring residents who believed the children's play area needed a lot more than just a good cleaning. She initiated a campaign to make some changes, and a whole new playground is in the works.

"There's already a playground in the park, but it's unsafe, it doesn't meet current safety guidelines...it's old and unattractive," she said. "It's also not challenging...to the kids' physical abilities...or to their imagination."

About a half-dozen families met together to work out plans with a consultant from Beckwith and Associates,

a private playground consulting design firm. Architect Michael Woldemar donated his services and drew up plans for a new playground that is accessible to the disabled and looks attractive. Woldemar's design included a wall and curb combination around the area to keep the sand in.

Since then, according to Neuman, most of the neighborhood residents have seen the plan.

"Everybody knows about it; they've gotten umpteen letters from me," she said. "I have signatures on it from most of the neighbors, and there have been no objections."

The new plans include a new play structure, two spring toys and two toddler houses. The current area will also have to be excavated. The whole project will cost about \$35,000, said Neuman.

Though it's an expensive project, the neighborhood has generated about \$5,200 in donations since its kickoff last fall. Members have sold T-shirts for a \$50 donation (they read, "I'm a Friend of Poinsett Park"); grandparents and parents have contributed to the cause.

The names of all those who donate a piece of the

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Brad Allen (standing) works with Charlie Allen and Anja Lutz at Poinsett Park.

Residents react as 'earthquake' hits Albany

By Mary Flaherty

ALBANY — At 10 a.m. last Saturday morning "the big one" hit Albany. Or at least a lot of residents pretended it did for the city's first annual Earthquake Drill.

Some people pretended better than others. At about 10:01 neighbors were out of their houses on the 900 block of Carmel, but they weren't too shocked by the devastation that pre-written scenarios described.

"Our chimney fell down," "My

house slipped off its foundation," they chatted in chipper tones. People walked back and forth across a "live electrical wire" (a garden hose) laying across a front yard, oblivious to being electrocuted.

Block Captain Helen Munch who signaled the fake quake by banging on pans and blowing a whistle, reminded people to follow the scenarios to which they were assigned in advance.

"You wouldn't be standing around," she told her neighbors.

Five-year-old Eric Owen ("EO")

Holtzman was probably the best actor on the block. He lay, whimpering, with his foot "caught" under a fallen bookshelf and books scattered around him, asking his mother to stay with him. And his elderly neighbor, George Tutt, was pretty good himself, as a Search and Rescue Team member in a hardhat, when he picked up EO in his arms telling him "Mama's gonna be with you. We're gonna put you down on this stretcher."

EO was carried off to the first aid station on a nearby lawn where the

red magic marker wounds on his foot were bandaged. The first aid team was struggling to put up a tent on the lawn.

"If we learned something today, we need two or three people who absolutely know how to set the tent up," EO's father, Eric, said, as he helped.

Learning was what Albany's city-wide earthquake drill was all about.

"The whole goal of this (drill) is to raise questions," said Albany

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Estimated 70 percent of city blocks participated in the drill.

Remembering When

By William Paul

Primitive electricity sparked creativity

I still remember the first lesson in meteorology my father gave me back in (I think it was) 1913.

Even though the electric light bulb had been invented back in 1876 (which I don't remember) and electric lights became standard equipment in homes by about 1900 (which I don't remember either), the bulbs used in 1913 would seem today to have been pretty primitive. Parts of them must have been made by hand. The glass part seemed to have been hand blown, judging from the very tip end which came to a sharp point.

On the day I'm remembering back to, Dad said "Come on Billy, I'll show you how to make something to help predict whether or not it's going to rain." Then he took a burned-out light bulb, held it by the threaded, metal end, submerged it in a big pan of water, then carefully squeezed the tip end of the glass part with a pair of pliers. This broke off just enough to leave a hole big enough to put a toothpick through and presto, the vacuum sucked the globe full of water.

Then he tied a string around the threaded metal end and made a loop on the other end of the string and hung the globe on something over the kitchen sink. "Now," says he, "watch those drops coming out of the hole in the bottom. The faster they come out the more likely it will

rain, so I tell you what to do - take my watch and sit here and count the number of drops that come out in the next half hour." So, of course, I did.

At the end of the half hour I reported back and told Dad how many drops had fallen and he said, "Fine - now go back and count how many fall in the next half hour and you will be able to compare it with the first time and see if it's going to rain or not." Dad was no dummy - he got me out of his hair for an hour.

Speaking of lighting houses electrically, there must have been a lot of fumbling during the change-over from gas to electricity. In 1914 my folks bought a house that had been built in 1910. It had electric lights but in most rooms the light fixtures were in the center of the ceilings - and so were most of the switches to turn them on. So, you had to walk in after dark and grope around to find the chains to pull. They hadn't figured out how to put the switches in the walls near the entry.

That wasn't a factor with gas light - you simply lit a candle to find your way to the light fixture, then lit the gas light with the flame from the candle. Much simpler, no?

Incidentally, when we moved into that house in 1914 a guy on a bike turned on our street lights with a torch every evening, but

within a year or so the city installed electric lights. And I think I mentioned before that the mail was delivered by a man driving a horse pulling a chariot-like conveyance.

Between Dad and myself, over the years, we installed some sort of Mickey Mouse-like wiring in that house and put some switches in the walls next to the room entrances. Dad was an excellent engineer for the type of engineering he did, but that didn't include electricity, at which Dad was all thumbs. I wasn't much better.

They didn't have any wall outlets, so between us we did quite a few rather interesting - I might even say imaginative jobs of wiring. I remember one, particularly well. Dad put it in.

We needed an outlet in the living room, in the wall that was back by the stairway leading to the basement. It left plenty of room to work from behind, but what Dad had forgotten was that that wall held the sliding door from the living room to the dining room, which was so rarely used we just left it open and got along without it for years.

The last owner of the house, who lost it in a fire, will learn for the first time when he reads this that there was a door in that wall. You see, Dad ran his wiring through the wall - door and all - so it couldn't be closed.



Police Reports

Police trace BB gun attacks to Albany

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — An employee of a business on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue was driving a company car on the 400 block of Kains Avenue on the morning of April 17 when the car was struck by a BB, shattering the rear window.

An Oakland man was waiting for transportation on the 400 block of Kains Avenue on the morning of April 17 when he felt something strike him on his left side near his ribs. He looked around and saw someone pointing an object out of a window at a nearby house. He then noticed about 15 cars had been struck with BBs.

A San Pablo woman was exiting through the east driveway of a business on the 400 block of Kains Avenue on the same morning when the windshield of her car, a 1990 Toyota pick-up, was hit by a BB. As she completed her turn from the driveway her back window exploded from a BB.

The cause of all this damage was traced to a 14-year-old Albany boy who was firing from a window of his house on the 500 block of Kains Avenue. Police are working with the boy and his parents on this case.

Vandals threw two bricks at a residence on the 1000 block of Talbot Avenue just after midnight on April 17. One brick broke the bedroom window and the second hit the door. There were no witnesses to describe the vandals.

At about 2 a.m. on April 18 an

El Cerrito man was stopped for a vehicle code violation. He was found to have an outstanding warrant from Alameda County. Officers suspected he was under the influence of alcohol and performed a Field Sobriety Test with results of .06/.06. He was arrested, booked and released on a citation for the warrant.

Between 6 p.m. on April 17 and 8 a.m. on April 18 thieves broke into the Albany Preschool on the 800 block of Masonic Avenue, stole cash from a desk drawer and departed unseen.

At about 10 a.m. on April 18, while the owner was in the back yard, a thief entered a house on the 700 block of Evelyn Avenue through the open front door, stole a purse that was in sight and departed unseen.

Between 8:20 a.m. and 4 p.m. on April 18, vandals smashed a window of a garage on the 1100 block of Key Route Boulevard, took tools, placed them outside the window then fled without the tools. There were no witnesses.

Between 7 p.m. on April 18 and 7 a.m. on April 19 thieves stole a 1988 Acura Legend while it was parked in the driveway of a residence on the 1000 block of Curtis Street. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of April 21 Oakland police reported finding the car. It had been stripped and both plates were missing. There was no one in custody.

At about 1:30 a.m. on April 20

a Kensington man was stopped when he left a bar on the 400 block of San Pablo Avenue. Officers suspected he was under the influence of alcohol and performed a Field Sobriety Test with results of .06/.06. He was arrested, booked and released on a citation for the warrant.

Just after midnight Albany officers observed a man urinating in a public place. He was taken to a business block of San Pablo Avenue where he had a urine sample. Solano County for a petty theft of \$3,000. He was arrested and held for Solano to pick up.

At about 4 a.m. officers observed a 14-year-old teen as he drove a driveway of a private residence where he did not live. He was taken to the influence and a search revealed marijuana, a scale, a small large concealed knife and house key from the residence. He was parked. He was transported to Juvenile Hall.

During the week of Albany officers finger people at their request, car, responded to 15 calls attended to one deceased assisted four people locked out of their car responded to two reported dogs.

Payless Shoe Store robbery suspects

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Two men entered Payless Shoe Store between 9:06 and 9:10 p.m. April 15, demanded cash from the register and safe, then fled. The suspects are described as black males between 25 and 30 years of age. One was about five-foot-ten in height and weighed about 150 pounds, the other about six feet in height, weighing about 180 pounds.

Two robbers entered Subway at about 8:40 p.m. April 9. One suspect had a gun in his possession, the other took cash from the register. The suspects are described as black males. One was between 17 and 19, five-foot-seven, and about 130 pounds, the other between 20 and 22, five-foot-six, and about 150 pounds.

An El Cerrito man was walking on San Pablo Avenue approaching Blake at about 2 a.m. April 8 when he was approached by three male juveniles who said they had guns and demanded his wallet.

A Vallejo man was arrested for attempted armed robbery. A Richmond man said the suspect engaged him in conversation, then threatened him at gunpoint. The incident occurred April 19 at 8:30 p.m.

A Kensington woman said a man grabbed her as she entered her vehicle in the 500 block of Richmond, attempting to take the vehicle. She kept the keys and sounded the alarm; the man fled. The incident occurred at about 8:40 p.m. April 5. The suspect is described as a black male about 25, five-foot-six, 185 pounds.

A man displayed his knife while a Berkeley woman was entering her

car earlier that afternoon and successfully stole the vehicle. The suspect was described as a white male in his 40s with gray blue eyes, five-foot-six, 150 pounds.

A Richmond woman was arrested for battery on another Richmond woman at El Cerrito Plaza on the afternoon of April 9.

An El Cerrito female juvenile was arrested in connection with three residential burglaries and one attempted residential burglary. The incidents were reported in the 8800 block of Terrace Drive between 8:25 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. April 10 (socks, coins, gum and about \$13 taken), the 0-100 block of Ridgeway on the afternoon of April 11 (cash, jewelry taken), the 900 block of Clark Place during the evening of April 6 (jewelry and clothes taken), and the 1000 block of Leneve Place on the afternoon of April 6 (attempt).

Jewelry was taken from a home in the 0 to 100 block of Lam Court between 4:55 p.m. and 9:55 p.m. April 8.

A messy ransack and theft were reported in the 6300 block of Waldo Avenue. The burglar(s) had entered a rear window during the daytime April 11.

After kicking the door in, someone ransacked a home in the 5900 block of Central Avenue during the daytime April 4, then fled with an unreported loss.

Stereo items were taken from a home in the 5700 block of San Diego Street during the daytime April 11; the burglar(s) had punctured a window frame and released the lock.

Someone cut the lock, then ransacked the basement of a home in the 7500 block of Stockton on the

morning of April 16.

Someone entered a garage in the 6400 block of Avenue, stole and damaged but took nothing else. It occurred between midnight a.m. April 13.

A major construction stolen from a front yard block of Gladys Avenue 12:30 p.m. April 17.

An Oakland male was arrested for taking cash, unattended register at about 7:30 p.m. April 5.

An Oakland man and a woman were arrested for attempting to cash a Wells Fargo on April 11.

An El Cerrito man was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol on San Pablo and Central 1:45 a.m. April 7.

A man from Kelsey, arrested at Central and 1:50 a.m. April 8 for driving under the influence.

A Kensington man was arrested for driving under the influence following an accident at San Pablo Avenue at 1:15 p.m. April 15.

A disabled Novato man and a girl, were arrested for hitting a plastic bottle at a woman and hitting her in the neck. The incident occurred at El Cerrito about 8:45 p.m. April 15.

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Letters to the Editor

More prevention needed

Editor:

As a member of the County's Public and Environmental Health Advisory Board, I am extremely alarmed about the cuts in nutrition programs proposed in the Contract with America. These programs help make sure that Contra Costa's hungry children, families and seniors are fed. For many, they provide the only hot nutritious meal of the day. We know many groups, especially children, are already at greater risk for poverty and poor health. The proposed cuts will jeopardize the health of some of our most vulnerable residents. They also could mean a \$9 million loss to the County's economy during the first year of the changes; this loss will affect us all.

PEHAB recently conducted a number of community forums, and found that county residents want to increase prevention efforts. The proposals for reducing benefits are moving along very quickly, without much public input. I urge every concerned person to contact their representative, and tell them to preserve and strengthen programs that give needy children and families a better chance for a healthy life.

Jean B. Siri
El Cerrito

Creek challenge

Editor:

A recent news story told how students at Brookside Elementary School in San Anselmo undertook to save an endangered species of freshwater shrimp, and ended up as the caretakers and restorers of Stemple Creek. In the process, they learned not only restoration techniques, but also how to raise \$100,000, lobby politicians and government officials, and enlist the cooperation of farmers along the banks of the creek.

Another recent news story told of the restoration by students of Wildcat Creek in Richmond. It was one of the few local creeks that did not flood in this year's storms.

Creek restoration is important for its own sake, but it also provides tremendous educational opportunities for young people when they can be involved in it. We have the opportunity to do that

here in Albany.

The site of the new Middle School, to be built on the former Hill Lumber Company property, affords a possible opportunity for the school to have a restored Cerrito Creek in its "front yard" (or back yard, depending on how the school is sited).

At a recent School Board meeting the Alameda County Kids and Creeks program and the State Department of Water Resources offered expertise and assistance in restoring Cerrito Creek. (A similar project is underway at nearby Thousand Oaks School in Berkeley with the help of those two agencies.) Grant money from various sources is still available for this kind of project.

So far, the Albany Board of Education has not taken advantage of this opportunity to restore Cerrito Creek adjacent to the new school site. It appears they intend to build the new school leaving the creek underground.

It would be a great loss both to Albany and the educational program of the Albany schools if the new school site were planned without including the possibility of restoring Cerrito Creek. Creeks do not belong underground. They belong out in the sunshine and fresh air, where we can enjoy them and learn from them.

Bob Arnold
Albany

Where the buck stops

Editor:

Martin Snapp's April 20 column regarding Robert McNamara was excellent but Martin, like so many of his era, is reluctant to cast blame on President Kennedy. It was JFK who first blooded Americans in Vietnam following the advice of his Secretary of Defense McNamara. Subsequently, President Johnson escalated the bloodshed and President Nixon further increased the war before extracting us from this swamp.

President Harry Truman said it best, "The buck stops here," referring to decisions within his government. McNamara was a major player in the infamy of Vietnam but President Kennedy had veto power.

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Bike commuting offers new vistas

By Tara Suan

Wirth breaks through the morning fog as he pedals his high atop the Berkeley hills at 7 a.m. and while most commuters are dragging their sleepy bodies from home to car to work, Wirth's pulse is pounding and his wheels are burning from a 6-1/2-mile ride to work.

Dressed in Lycra/spandex and armed against a possible meeting between man and concrete, Wirth cycles up to Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory after trekking through the urban jungle from his Cerrito home.

For 16 years Wirth has taken advantage of the plentiful backroads connecting Berkeley to Richmond and Walnut Creek; and with more commuters becoming aware of their options, Wirth's routine just might serve as a model for the future.

His routine—getting up an hour earlier, showering at the lab, changing from Lycra-clad street racer to a well-mannered lab technician—the route is familiar and comfortable to the 49-year-old mechanical engineering technologist. Wirth enjoys the noisy, noxious throng of commuters, fraught with the dangers of busy sipping coffee, talking on the phone and steering a 1-wheeler.

Instead, he cuts through less crowded terrain. He meanders through Colusa Avenue to the reser- in Kensington and then cruising along the Grizzly Peak ridge dropping onto the lab.

It just feels good. It gets heart started in the morning and gives a chance to clear my mind," Wirth said yesterday.

It's nice getting up before others are awake. I think of riding (to work) as a way of getting back to nature in an urban sort of way."

Like many city dwellers, Wirth's commitment to his job takes precedence over entertainment. Thus trapped in the gridlock of streets and buildings, Wirth sees his daily rides as an escape hatch to tension.

The lab, struggling to cope with a lack of parking, actively encourages its workers to take alternate means of transportation. In addition to shuttles linking the lab to BART stations, LBL also provides showers and lockers for riders such as Wirth.

One day a week Wirth said he drives supplies — mainly changes of clothing — up the hill. The other four days he is free to jump on his 18-gear road bike and take a more scenic route.

Wirth, a member of the East Bay Bicycle Coalition, may want to change his route and routine May 4. Designated statewide as "Bike to Work Day," Albany citizens are hosting their own Bike Albany day, complete with pit stops around town to refresh winded bike commuters.

City Councilmember Bruce Mast, who formed the Bicycle Advisory Committee to lobby city legislature for alternative transportation, said the group hopes to identify some 400 to 500 bike commuters—a base of support for political activity.

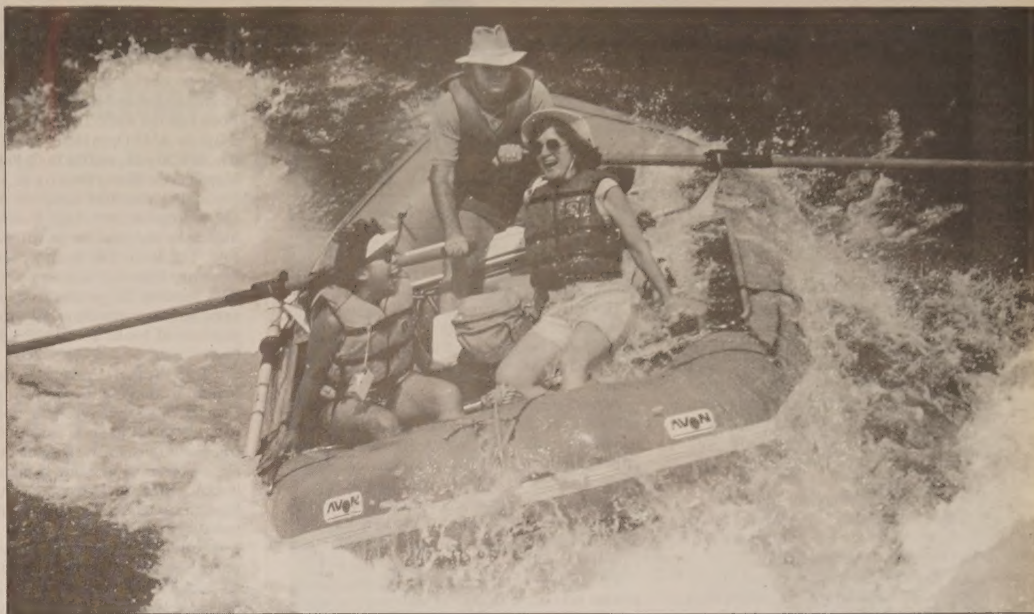
Mast said local businesses and the city are offering resources to make it easier for people to bike to work.

"We are trying to address those stumbling blocks that prevent people from riding to work," he said. "People have legitimate reasons for not wanting to ride."

Both the YMCA and the Albany Community Center will open shower facilities for people commuting to work in Albany.

"This way you can ride to work

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Steve Cutright with wife Rena (right) and Donna Foo in Satan's Cesspool on the south fork of the American River.

EC fire chief shares glimpse into his private life

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Chief Steve Cutright recently shared a fascinating "glimpse into the private life of the El Cerrito fire chief" with members of the El Cerrito Rotary Club. The fire service is a second career for Cutright, who once owned a whitewater rafting business and remains an expert in the field.

During his talk and slide presentation, it became clear that the man holding ultimate responsibility for fire protection management in both El Cerrito and Kensington loves to meet a challenge, particularly where risk is involved.

It's a family tradition. "My father of birth lied about his age to get on a National Geographic-sponsored expedition to explore the Urubamba River north of Cuzco in

the Peruvian Andes," Cutright (who is adopted) told the Rotarians. "The year was 1911; they became the first European explorers to see the ancient Incan stronghold of Machu Picchu."

One of Cutright's great grandfathers had been a scout on three wagon trains crossing the Oregon trail; a great uncle had surveyed roads over several passes in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

In 1969, Cutright met Lou Elliot, a pioneer in the whitewater rafting business in both the U.S. and internationally, and became a boatman with the American River Touring Association.

"This began a long relationship with rivers and a growing appreciation of those who pioneered the rivers of the west," he said.

Cutright graphically described for the group the power of a river to erode a canyon. In explaining what a whitewater river is, he had said it is created by two natural forces: mountain building, in which the earth's forces slowly force mountains to rise, and water erosion, in which rain and snow slowly wear their sides away.

"Imagine this room filled with water," he said. (The group was meeting in a banquet room at the Mira Vista Country Club.) "That would be about 800 tons of water."

"Now further imagine that every single second, all this water is completely replaced. In the time it takes you to sneeze or cough, it's done. Now imagine that it happens every single second, every hour of the

day, every year for 70 million years. You get something like this, the Grand Canyon."

It's a power Cutright has often experienced. In the time since he turned a summer guiding job into a full-time career running two separate businesses, he has accumulated over 13,000 miles on whitewater rivers and continues to pursue it with his family as a vacation sport. Rena Cutright, his wife, is herself an accomplished guide. The couple has three daughters, Maureen, 18, Kimberley, 14, and Elizabeth, 12, who travel with them down the Salmon and Selway rivers in Idaho, the Rogue River in Oregon, Utah's Green and Arizona's Colorado through the Grand Canyon.

Cutright prefers a small boat. It's intimate and easier to maneuver than the giant rafts, "someone can help you row, (and) you can pretty much carry everything you need." More than that, a leisurely vacation in a smaller boat lets you stop wherever you like, he said, showing a picture of Vassey's Paradise in Marble Canyon.

"You can stop to smell the roses, prickly pear...barrel cactus. You can leave your footprints in the sand...you can see wondrous, almost magical places."

The challenge and sport of facing whitewater areas is balanced by times of reflection and "isolation amidst natural beauty," he said. There's a time for remote, self-reliant camping, though rafts allow much more flexibility than back-packing in that more supplies can

be carried in. (Chicken with wine sauce was among the foods on a sample menu.) There's time for fishing, hiking, even reading.

"But like any sport that involves an amount of risk, if you challenge the odds, sometimes the odds are against you," he said, showing a picture of a flip at Double Drop on Idaho's Selway River, where the current flows at about 28,000 cubic feet per second. Three of the four boats in the party had flipped.

Such an unintentional swim, he said, "can ruin your whole day."

Cutright later showed a slide in which he smashed into an 8-foot hole, "unrunnable over the top," surfed to the side and (eventually) made it to the cover of Outside Magazine. He has not yet himself flipped a raft but believes there are two kinds of rafters: those who have turned over and those who haven't turned over yet.

Rivers will change because of this year's storms, he said. The consequences of error may be greater, in that the water may be significantly colder. Some rapids will become much more difficult, others may in fact slow down with the increase in water, just one of the many idiosyncracies associated with the sport.

"That's why we train guides to read the water, not to memorize it," he said, relating it to the driver training given to firefighters. "We teach them to look far and to look near; there's constantly a balancing off."

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

**SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SDEIR)
FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY
REPLACEMENT FACILITY PROJECT
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY**

The proposed project would replace the existing antiquated Canyon Chemical Facility the campus now uses to collect and sort chemicals and low-level radioactive waste. The Supplemental Draft EIR is available for review at the following locations: Central Berkeley Public Library at Shattuck and Kittredge Street; the Ecology Center at 2530 San Pablo Avenue; on the UC Berkeley Campus in the College of Environmental Design Library at 210 Wurster Hall and at the Physical and Environmental Planning Office in Room 1 of the A&E Building.

The 45-day public review period will extend from 4/19/95 to 6/5/95. A public hearing will be held:

**Monday, May 8, 1995
Alumni House on the UC Berkeley Campus
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The Final EIR is scheduled for consideration by The Regents in September 1995.

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U.S. Department of Energy Finding of No Significant Impact Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory

The U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office announces Findings of No Significant Impact for two proposed operations at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory involved with the Human Genome Project.

1. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Proposed Construction and Operation of a Genome Sequencing Facility in Building 64 at LBL.
2. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Proposed Human Genome Laboratory at LBL.

Copies of both FONSI's will be available at the following libraries until June 15, 1995:

Central Berkeley Public Library
Reference Department
Shattuck & Kittredge Avenues
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Main Library, Bldg. 50, Rm. 134
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One Cyclotron Road
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Once-loved books find place of honor with local bookstore owner

It's a tiny bookstore nestled among other tiny stores at the end of Fairmount Avenue in El Cerrito. But as you walk in, you can feel the special feeling you only find in stores full of once-loved books.

Wonderland Books' owner is Allan Friedman, who is just what you expect of the proprietor of such a store. A bearded former teacher, whose eyes gleam as he speaks of the books that surround him. The first books you notice are children's books, old ones, that hang in plastic bags on the wall. Some of them you remember, and some look like the type you read to your children when they were very young, and you want to hold them and look through them, and perhaps, own them again.

Friedman specializes in collectable books, although he has others also. The children's books are avidly collected, as are books that reflect his own interests: books on archaeology, for instance, on Western Americana, especially on local history; and books for older children such as the Nancy Drew books, the Oz books, the Party Boy books or the Tom Swifts.

Illustrated books, too, are in great demand, he says, both the lovely old illustrated books done by artists, and the later books. First editions, too, are much in demand.

It is easy to fill a bookstore with poor books, Friedman says with a grimace, but it is harder to fill it with good books. More than half the job of a bookstore owner is finding the books — and it is also the most fun part of the job.

And he talks enthusiastically of other collectables. Each category excites him. It is difficult to specialize, he says, because "I am interested in so many things, and my customers have so many interests." The World Fairs of 1915 and 1939, he says, produced a great deal of "fun things" including pamphlets, paintings, photographs and books, all of which are avidly collected.

When I asked him about music, he said that most of what he has been asked for recently has been music with Black people on the cover. In fact, he said, what most people collect sheet music for is the cover. People also look for music that celebrates places they are interested in.

Another big interest is anything about the University of California, especially the Berkeley campus. Strangely, he says, he has never been asked for Stanford items.

"I try to keep books in all categories," he says, and he lists things such as old technical books on geology, on mining, travel, maps and national parks, with Yosemite being the park of greatest interest, although his favorite is Yellowstone.

Then he expounds on his interest in Yellowstone. Geysers, he says, have always



Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser

interested him. He belongs to a group of people who study and write about geysers. They put out monthly newsletters and journals.

His interest in archaeology is longstanding also, and he speaks of digs in which he has participated both here and in Israel and Peru. He would like to take his children to the digs in Israel.

Allan Friedman was born in New York, studied at New York University and got his masters and teaching certificate from Cal. He moved out here after stopping by on his way to Mexico. He decided he had to stay. He met his wife, Carol Kretlian, in grad school, and they have two children. Daughter Jennie, 19, is a student at Sonoma State University, and son Ethan, 10, is in a local school.

Friedman was a teacher for 18 years, mostly in private schools, although he did teach in public schools in Modesto for six years. His last stint was the 12 years he taught at the Berkwood-Hedge School in Berkeley. His son is a student there now, and Friedman does help out there from time to time. Why did he leave? That was enough teaching, he says.

It was when he met someone at an Antique Fair who told him about this site being available that he decided to open his store here.

An interesting man with varied interests of his own, and a great love for the work he is doing. That's nice.

When we wrote about lexicographer Rima McKinze recently, the very last statement somehow turned out wrong and therefore didn't make much sense. What she did say was, "I write what's in the parentheses." Much more meaningful, right?

I leave you with these bits of wisdom: Did you know that there are more public libraries than there are McDonalds? A total of 15,872, including branch libraries.

And that Americans make some 3.5 billion visits to school, public and college libraries each year — about three times the attendance at movie theaters.

Where else will you learn such fascinating facts?

Thank you, Ruthanna Boris, for telling me about Allan Friedman and his Wonderland books. And, as always, I invite all to give me your ideas: interesting people, events, organizations, travel, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

Albany PTA Council News

Buy books for your child's summer reading at the Middle School's Book Fair this week. Tonight (April 27) is the AMS Open House from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and the Book Fair is open in the library from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. An excellent selection of age-appropriate, new, high-quality hardbacks and paperbacks will be sold. The Book Fair is also open tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. PTA receives 25 percent of total sales and earmarks the money for purchase of books at the AMS library.

Clean Up for Spring. Marin School is having their Spring Cleanup this Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parent volunteers will pull weeds, trim bushes, wash windows, plant flowers, and enjoy a pizza lunch together provided by the PTA. Sign up in Marin School's office if you'd like to help.

PTA Council Disaster Preparedness meets Monday, May 1, at 3:30 p.m. at Cafe Crayon on Solano Avenue. All are invited to attend.

Science Marches On: Parents can get their hands on the new FOSS (Full Option Science System) Science Kits at Cornell School's multipurpose room on May 1 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. These materials, recently purchased from the Lawrence Hall of Science, present basic science concepts in a way that encour-

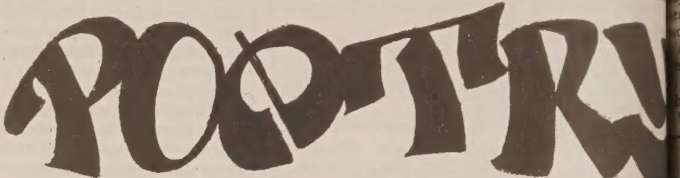
ages kids to talk and collaborate with each other as they learn. FOSS kits are used at Marin School as well, and Marin parents are welcome to attend this event. The FOSS display is sponsored by the Cornell School Parent Education Committee.

IEP Questions Answered. Albany Special Ed Parent Support Group meets May 2, 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Cornell's library. The subject is the Individual Education Plan (IEP) and the speaker is Pam Steneberg, who gave the group a very useful introduction to the IEP process in March. Interested parents may call 524-9753 for further information.

AHS Faculty Convened. Last week's staff development day at Albany High School served an important purpose as teachers concentrated on how to improve attendance and how to manage discipline problems more effectively. Next year's transfer of Les Rogers, assistant principal for attendance and discipline, to McGregor High has created an occasion for faculty to discuss what they need from whoever fills this critical position. In addition, Counselor Ralph Cantor presented recent information about issues related to alcohol and drug abuse among high school students. Part of the day was given to meetings of faculty committees that are studying specific areas of con-

cern within the school. The elected AHS Faculty Representative is to set the agenda for the next year's inservice days. Ed Specs are the one interested in the educational Specific Instructional Plans (SIPs) the proposed new law can find a copy at the library on the PTA Council's Ed Specs, as well as by its makers, reports of hours of work at School Facilities Planning Committee. It sets forth recommendations to consider when designing. It is not a placeholder for the list of desired features of the educational reports each one.

Acronyms Answered. is my limit, folks! I had one acronym SB-65: Senate Bill (Prevention) SBCP: School-based Program SELPA: Special Education Local Plan Area SIC: School Improvement Committee SIO: School Improvement Office SIP: School Improvement Program SSC: School Site Council TIP: Teacher In-



HARD SOUL

Many layers of defense. As if trying to hide what's inside.

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This person is a mystery to those looking in from the outside.

—Allen Seiden MacGregor High School

THE SOUND IS UNDERSEA:

Some lines on a seashell I heard a shell and the sound is undersea. The shell has noise in it. It makes an ocean sound. I feel the ocean when I put the shell to my ear.

The shell makes a sound like, "Knock, knock." A "ssh" sound comes from way inside the shell.

The shell is like a cup. I can drink from it. It really curves around inside.

The shell is like a house with lots of points. —students in Barbara and Sally David's classes MacGregor Primary Students wrote these workshops with Poetess Judith Tancig. The project is funded by the California Arts Council agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal Poetess headline credit Scott, MacGregor High

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Albany School District opens kindergarten registration

The Albany Unified School District will register children for admission to kindergarten for the fall semester on May 3, from 9 to 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Children may be registered at the Albany Center, 1000 MacGregor, Marin, Cornell and the Albany Village Center for the convenience of residents. Albany Village Center will register children from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Registering your child at the closest school may not guarantee assignment to that school. The district reserves the right to assign pupils outside school boundaries in order to meet the expected enrollment.

For registration, parents must provide the child's birth certificate or proof of age and be prepared to fill out health forms concerning immunizations, and blood diseases.

Documentation of the dates of immunizations for polio, D.P.T.,

measles (Rubeola), mumps, and rubella (German measles) for each kindergarten child is required. No child can enter kindergarten next fall unless he/she has had these immunizations.

Minimum doses required for polio are three, as long as the third dose was received after the second birthday, and four doses for D.P.T., as long as the fourth dose was also received after the second birthday. Measles, rubella, and mumps (MMR) have a single required dose, provided it was received after the first birthday. Also note that no registrations will be accepted unless all information is complete.

Parents must also provide a deed or rental agreement plus two other forms of proof of Albany residence, such as a bank statement, W-2 form, driver's license (not temporary), utility bills, etc.

Children are eligible for public school if the child will be 5 years

old on or before Dec. 2, 1995.

The district cannot accept registration for children who are younger than that age, even though the child may have had several years of preschool experience.

An accurate spring registration is important to the school district for planning next year's kindergarten classes.

If registration on May 3 is not possible, please register your child during school hours at any elementary school as soon as possible after that date. The date of registration is one factor which may be considered in making school assignments.

Parents not residing in Albany who are interested in enrolling new students in Albany elementary schools must apply for enrollment at the District Office.

Out-of-district applicants for grades K-5 will be placed on a first-come, first-served basis if classroom space is available.

Tea party time



June Boblitt (left), Lou Schley (seated) and Pauline Batchelor of the Soroptimists International of El Cerrito are getting ready for this Saturday's tea party to celebrate spring and raise money for scholarships and women's issues. The event will be held at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call 527-5715 for tickets, \$7 adults and \$3 children.

Correction

Due to a typesetting error, the article in the April 13 edition gave the wrong dates on Albany artist Trudy Valeska's display at the YWCA in Berkeley. Her works are on display through April 28.

Also, an April 13 article incorrectly identified Todd Eagle as an eighth grade student at Albany Middle School.

We regret the errors.

Picture Book Time at EC Library

Picture Book Time for preschoolers ages 3 to 5 will be offered on Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. at the El Cerrito Library beginning today, April 27 through June 8. Picture Book Time features stories read aloud, songs and fingerplays.

Parents are requested to remain in the library during the sessions lasting about 30 minutes.

El Cerrito Branch of the Contra Costa County Library is located at 6510 Stockton Avenue. Hours are Monday from 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday from 1 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday closed; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

For further information call Agnes Chen, Youth Services Librarian, at 526-7512.

Bike

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and then shower and put on a your suit and tie," said Mast, "but bring a towel and some soap."

The committee has also set up three pit stops which will serve refreshments throughout the day. One is at Solano Cyclery, another is near Grace Baking Company on Kains and Solano avenues, and the third will be at the UC Village off of San Pablo Avenue.

riders to pledge in advance their commitment to bicycle to work (See box page 16). They will also hold a raffle and give away prizes such as helmets and gift certificates.

Mast said the group has also created a bike pathway guide, which will provide cyclists with the best routes for commuting.

According to Wirth, the bicycle movement has grown tremendously since he started riding to Berkeley

nearly 15 years ago.

"I used to ride mostly by myself. There weren't nearly as many people then as there are now," he said.

The commute is, for Wirth, a labor of love as well as a love of the effort.

"I've been a workaholic lately," he said. "I used to be very active with the cycling club but work takes away from that. All I do these days it eat, sleep, work, and ride."

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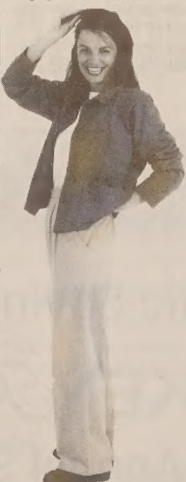
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So why the fire service? "I was growing tired of the business aspect of white water rafting and had gone about as far as I could go in it," Cutright said later. "I felt I had accomplished some things in the business that were good - contributing to the industry and pulling out two businesses that had been having a difficult time. I wanted more long-term prospects for a career and a career in which I could grow professionally."

It was his friend, Mark Scott, who suggested that he explore the

fire service in that it involved the same kind of risk management challenge Cutright had found so rewarding in rafting.

"The toughest part was taking off the mantle of any corporate leadership and starting at the bottom again...cleaning toilets, scrubbing floors, getting up in the night and doing grunge jobs," he recalls. "I had to learn a whole new trade again."

The risk management challenge means that "every day, there's something else that comes up" as the department works to establish "an acceptable level of protection

for the community."

While Cutright no longer personally faces that challenge at the engine company level, that possibility always exist in any major disaster. For now, he's been presented with a new challenge in incorporating a second community into the balance of establishing fire protection, with Kensington having contracted for fire services with the city of El Cerrito.

The fire service, he said, "is a way of contributing to the public good that white water rafting can't match," though he does believe the rafting business makes a contribution environmentally.

"The pull of the river is still very powerful with me. So after a winter of being away, I hear a voice calling. When the winter rains give way to sun and clouds and warmer winds, I am stirred. Looking out from the El Cerrito hills toward the bay, the brown waters tell me that the rivers of the Sierra are beginning to fill and flow. Once again I am touched deeply by one of the great rhythms of the planet."

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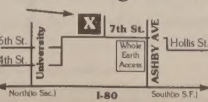
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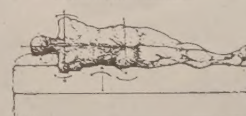
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Goings on About Town

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Trinity Chamber Concerts: April 29, 8 p.m.: Duo Linos: Yaada Weber, flute and Philip Manwell, piano, perform four flute sonatas by Bach; Trinity Chapel; 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. 549-3864 or (916) 756-4002.

Lady in the Dark: Through May 6, Fri. and Sat. evenings, also May 4: Hit musical by Kurt Weill, Ira Gershwin and Moss Hart, directed by Andrea Pruseau; Actors Ensemble of Berkeley; Live Oak Theatre; 1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berkeley. 528-5620.

Dunsuir: Piano Quartet: April 29, 8 p.m.: Works by Turina Schnittke and Brahms; Maybeck Recital Hall, 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 848-3228.

Ashkenaz: April 27, 8:30 p.m.: Brian Terry & The Zydeco Travelers; April 28, 9:30 p.m.: Mud Hut, 10 p.m.: Spear; April 29, 9:30 p.m.: Benefit for Leonard Peltier Defense Fund with the Caribbean Allstars; April 30, 3 p.m.: Lindy lesson with Belinda Rickles; 4-6 p.m.: Indigo Swing; 7:30 p.m.: Benefit for Children's Community Center: Comedian Carlos Alazraqui, 8:30 p.m.: Ben Markado and his Mondo Combo; May 2, 9 p.m.: George Myloros; May 3, 9 p.m.: Tee Fee; May 4, 9 p.m.: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Ojeda, latin, rock, reggae, funk; 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

Bay Area Puppet Playhouse: April 28-29, 7 p.m.: "The Metamorphosis of Karaghozis," a 500-year-old Greek folk story performed by Greek Shadow Master Leonidas Kassapiadis. 2353 C San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 644-0715.

Berkeley Community Chorus and Orchestra: Invites singers who have sung Bach's "B Minor Mass" to perform June 11. Five rehearsals begin May 16; tuition \$50. 525-5393.

Berkeley Liberation Theatre: April 30 and May 1, 7:30 p.m.: Berkeley High School students present an audience-interactive performance about conflict with authority figures. La Val's Subterranean Theatre; 1834 Euclid St., Berkeley.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre: "A Moon for the Misbegotten," Tues. through Sat. performances, matinees at 2 p.m., Sat. and Thurs. Until May 19, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 845-4700.

The Fantastics: Through May 27: The longest-running musical in the world. Music by Harvey Schmidt, directed by Linda Bauman; Fri and Sat performances at 8 p.m.; Sun matinees at 2 p.m.; Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito 524-9132.

Hertz Hall: April 28 & 29, 8 p.m.: UC Symphony and Chorus directed by Peter Suskind and Marika Kuzma; Te Deum, Vaughan Williams "London" Symphony; and the premiere of Bay Area composer Laurie San Marin's *Flores and Jetsam*; May 3, noon: Javanese Gamelan; Santosa & Ben Brinner, directors; On campus near College Ave. and Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 642-9988.

The Incest Project: April 28, 29, 8 p.m.; April 30, 2 p.m.: Dance, drums, rainsticks and the spoken word to "break the silence of incest"; by Mary H. Webb; April 28 interpreted for deaf audience members; The Julia Morgan Theatre, College Ave. at Derby, Berkeley. Advance tickets at Mama Bears, Oakland, or 548-6476.

Kimball's East: Through April 30, Freddie Jackson; May 3 - 7, Ray, Goodman and Brown. All shows 8 & 10 p.m.; Shellmound St., Emeryville, 658-2555.

La Peña Cultural Center: May 2, 7:30 p.m.: Free style poetry and music in The Upper Room; May 4, 7:30 p.m.: Norman Solomon presents "Adventures in Clintonland" and Keith McHenry reports on organizing activities; Saturday Morning Children's Players, 10:30 a.m.; 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568, ext. 15.

MusicSources: 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. 528-1685.

Poetry at Cody's: April 28: F.D. Reeve and James Scully; May 3: Jan Richman, *Because the Brain Can Be Talked Into Anything* and Gabrielle Glancy; May 5: C.G. Hanzlick, *Against Draming*; events at 7:30 p.m. upstairs at Cody's; 52 donation; 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 525-5476.

Simply Heavenly! Through May 27, Thurs and Fridays at 8 p.m.; Sats at 2:30 and 8 p.m.: Book and lyrics by Langston Hughes, music by Ramon Bowden and Lanier Pruitt, directed by Bill Stewart, presented by the Black Repertory Group; 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley.

Shotgun Players: Through May 6, dinner seating 8 p.m.: Marlowe's "The Tragical History of Dr. Faustus." Directed by Patrick Dooley; La Val's Subterranean Theatre. 1834 Euclid Ave. at Hearst, Berkeley. 845-6624.

Starry Plough: April 27, Naked Barbies; April 28, Tempest, The Wildflowers; April 29, Mental Revenge, Swinging Doors; April 30, The Claddagh Band; May 3, Darts; May 4, Loose Diamonds (from Austin Texas), Texas Border Radio; Tuesdays, Traditional Irish Music/Lessons; Wednesdays, Cabaret/Open Mike; 7:30 p.m. Music starts Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8 p.m. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

Religious Activities

Lady of Mercy Church: April 30, 3:30 p.m.: Join 50-100 fellow Roman Catholics for Holy Mass, Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; 301 W. Richmond Blvd., Point Richmond, 524-1222.

Quaker Heritage Day: April 29, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.: \$15; Berkeley Friends Church; corner of Sacramento and Cedar; 524-4112.

Berkeley Hillel: April 28, 7:45 p.m.: Shabbat Dinner; April 29, 11:30 p.m.: Broomball; April 30, East Bay Jewish Community Response to Poverty; May 2, 7 p.m.: Yom HaZikaron Vigil; May 3, 7 p.m.: Jewish Student Council meeting; May 4, 8 p.m.: Yom Ha'Atzmaut Party; Every week: Friday nights, 5:30 p.m.: "Sing-a-long"; Sundays, 7 p.m.: Israel Action Committee Meetings; Mondays, 7 p.m.: meditation; Wednesdays, 4 p.m.: De-Cal Class: Zionism. 2736 Bancroft Way. 845-7793.

First Unitarian Church: of Berkeley; April 30, 8:30 a.m.: lay-led meditation with Worship Associates, 9:30 a.m.: Reuben Goldfarb, and Yehudit Goldfarb on "Varieties of Religious Experience"; 10:45 a.m.: "And a Child Shall Lead Them" with Rev. Dr. Bob Kaufmann, One Lawson Rd, Kensington; 525-9631.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church: April 30: The Rev. Dr. John Harrell presents his Easter poem, "Daybreak"; Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m.; Adult Bible

study at 9 a.m.; child care and Sunday School at 10 a.m.; 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. 525-1716.

The 5:45: Evening worship service with contemporary Christian praise music, conversation and refreshment. Every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St., Berkeley. 848-6252.

Meetings, Classes, etc.

Beginning Lip Reading: May 9, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.: St. John's Senior Center will cosponsor an 8-week class with teacher Barbara Bishop; preregister a week before class 845-6830 or 420-8132; 2727 College Ave., Berkeley.

Berkeley Hiking Club: April 29 and 30, California Trail Days: 934-8970; April 30, 9 a.m.: Baltimore Canyon: 283-5090, 9 a.m.: Mini hike, Baltimore Canyon: 943-3095.

BHS Reunion, 1920-33: April 29, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Shenanigan's Restaurant; Jack London Village; Oakland; 841-2770.

Black Oak Books: April 27, Chana and Ariel Bloch, *The Song of Songs*; April 30, Leon Wofsy, *Looking for the Future*; May 1, Sue Miller, *The Distinguished Guest*; May 2, Steven Saylor, *The Venus Throw*; May 3, Edwidge Danticat, *Krik? Krak!*; All events at 7:30 p.m.

Cal Day: April 29, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Open house with lectures, tours and demonstrations; Golden Bear football player Ryan Longwell at 10 a.m. at the Campanile with Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien, Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean and the Cal Marching Band; Music Dept will present concerts, instrument exhibits/demonstrations, tours and informal talks at campus locations.

Catholic Charities: Training program for respite (companionship to home-bound adults) volunteers meets Wednesdays May 3-June 7, 10 a.m. - noon at the Easter Hill United Methodist Church; 3911 Cutting Blvd, Richmond; 415-824-1466.

Cody's Books: April 29, 8 p.m.: Cornel West and Michael Lerner, *Jews and Blacks: Let the Healing Begin*; April 30, 7:30 p.m.: Lani Guinier, *The Tyranny of the Majority: Fundamental Fairness and Representative Democracy*; May 1, 7:30 p.m.: Barbara Ehrenreich, *The Shartling Citizen*; 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley; 845-7852.

Clean Up Day: April 28, 12 p.m.: Telephone Ave. Free t-shirts, refreshments and parking for all who participate; meet at Upper Sproul Plaza; Telephone and Bancroft; 644-6317 or 642-9369.

400 Steps Urban Hike: April 30: An "Open Air, On The Move" history lesson about Berkeley's architectural and horticultural development; tours leave every 20 minutes between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Cragmont Rock Park, Hildale Ave., North Berkeley; 843-5724.

Point and Shoot: Camera Class: April 29 and May 6, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: ASUC Art Studio, UC campus; 642-3065.

Creating Abstract Art: April 29, 10 - noon: Painting and drawing workshop with Elizabeth Hack; El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. 215-4370.

The History of Women at Cal: First

125 years: April 28, 29: Two day free conference at the International House, 2299 Piedmont Ave. 643-9313.

Contra Costa Hills Club: April 27, 10 a.m.: Uphill-and-Down Trail Hike at Hayward; bring lunch and beverage; 582-2065; April 30, 9:10 a.m.: Seven mile hike in San Mateo County's Purisima Creek Redwoods; 782-0786; May 4, 10 a.m.: six mile trail hike to and around Phoenix Lake in Marin County, 758-5293. Both are free.

Center for Psychological Studies: April 28, 12 p.m.: "Bearing the Unbearable: Managing Reactions to Grief and Trauma in Group Therapy" with Martha Gilmore, Ph.D.; 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-0291.

Easy-Going Travel Shop: and Bookstore: April 27, 7:30 p.m.: *The Family Travel Guide*, with Carol T. Meyers; May 2, 7:30 p.m.: Judith Gilford, author of *The Packing Book*, demonstrates how to pack a carry-on for a three-week trip; 1385 Shattuck at Rose; Berkeley; 843-3533.

East Bay Jewish Community: Response to Poverty: April 30: Participants will assist Habitat for Humanity with building homes, collect food for the Alameda County Food Bank, garden at the Lincoln Child Center, prepare meals for the homeless and accompany immigrant and refugee families on outings. Info: 839-2900.

First Unitarian Church: Lectures: April 28, 7:30 p.m.: "Meaning as a Bridge Between Psyche and the World" with Meredith Sabini, Ph.D.; April 29, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Two part workshop: "Cross-Generational Currents in Our Lives as Lesbians & Gay Men" with Scott Wirth, Ph.D.; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 7:30 - 9 p.m.: "From Darkness" with Ann Lammers; One Lawson Rd., Kensington.

GALA Bookstore: April 27, Linda Ojeda, *Menopause Without Medicine*; April 28, The Timothy Leary, *Chaos and Cyberculture*; Events at 7:30 p.m. 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GALA.

Herb Walk: April 30, 10:30 a.m.: Strawberry Canyon; Pacific School of Herbal Medicine; 845-4028.

The Himalayan Experience: May 3, 7:30 - 9 p.m.: Nepal, with Edwin Bernbaum Ph.D.; \$8.00 fee; sponsored by the Center for South Asia Studies, UC Berkeley; Dwinelle Hall, Room 155; near Sather Gate on the south side of campus;

Republican Dinner: April 28, 7 p.m.: Sponsored by the Kensington-El Cerrito Congress of Republicans; featuring guest speaker Mark David, a well-known journalist; Spencers Restaurant, 1919 4th St., Berkeley; 526-0940.

Kensington Senior Center: April 27, 11 - noon: Eleanor Wharton continues her Great Books discussion with *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne; May 4, 9:30 - noon: free blood pressure check; 11 a.m.: Jackie Hetman shows slides on Madagascar; noon: potluck and salad bar - bring a dish to serve 4 - 6 people; Arlington Community Church; 52 Arlington, 526-9146.

Lindy-Jitterbug Dance: April 30, 3-4 p.m. lesson; 4-6 p.m. dance to Indigo Swing; Ashkenaz; 1317 San Pablo Ave.,

Berkeley; 525-5054 or 486-0202.

MediCal, Managed Care and the Uninsured: April 27, 4-5:30 p.m. and May 2, 4-5:30 p.m.: Panel discussion with speakers from major hospitals, SEIU Local 250, private practice and advocacy groups; sponsored by the Joint Medical Program, School of Public Health; 642-5102.

The Moral Stakes in Welfare Reform: May 2, 7-8:30 p.m.: Carol Robb, professor, Christian Social Ethics, SF Theological Seminary, Maria Casey, President, Urban Strategies Council, Neil Gilbert, Professor and Acting Dean, School of Social Welfare, UC Berkeley; Graduate Theological Union; Board Room of the Hewlett Library; 649-2560.

New Pieces: April 29, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.: "Eclipsing moons"; April 30, noon - 4 p.m.: "Rail Fence"; May 2 - 16, 7-10 p.m., Tuesdays: "Checkmate"; 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

North Berkeley Senior Center: April 27, 1 p.m.: video movie *Nuts*; April 28, 1 p.m. video opera: "La Traviata"; Upcoming Events: May 1, South Shore Tahoe Turnaround Trip; May 17, Sacramento Senior Rally at the Capitol; May 26, Amtrak to Sacramento Jazz Jubilee and Parade. 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way; Berkeley. 644-6107.

REI: April 27, 7 p.m.: Hiking and Climbing in the French and Swiss Alps; slide show with Sierra Club trip leader Mark Taylor; 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

Turning Point Career Center: May 2, 12 - 1 p.m.: "A Career as a New Lawyer" with Rosanne Calbo-Jackson, Hensinger and Associates, Oakland; YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370.

Vista College: April 29, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.: "Doing Business in Korea"; 841-8860, ext. 271; April 29 & May 6, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.: "Identifying, Locating and Selling Groups" Travel industry workshops; 2020 Milvia St., Berkeley. Ext. 213.

Building Libraries in Nepal: April 27, 7:30 p.m.: Slide show and discussion with Dr. Antonia Neubauer, president of Myths and Mountains educational adventures; International House; 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley. 642-9490.

John Shattuck: Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor: April 27, 7:30 p.m.: "Civil and Political Rights in the United States," an initial report to the UN by the United States; respondents Barbara Christian, African American Studies, Paul Hoffman, formal Legal Director, ACLU/SC, and Stephan Riesenfeld, Law; Booth Auditorium, Boalt Hall, UC Berkeley. 642-0965.

Mandana North CRC: April 29, 1-4 p.m.: "Embracing Your Inner Committee" with Kathleen Holland; 606 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 486-8269.

Beginners Marquetry Class: Every Tues, 10 - noon at the Berkeley Adult School. Open to anyone 50 or older; for more info visit St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave & Garber St., Berkeley.

African American Book Club: Meets last Thursday of each month: April

27, 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.: *Blind Man With a Pistol*; Himes; South Berkeley; 843-1111; Russell at MLK Jr. Way.

Art Lecture: April 30, 8 p.m.: Luc Brébion on the art of the Garden; Jewish Community Center; 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley.

"Jews and Blacks": April 29, 8 p.m.: Luc Brébion on the art of the Garden; Jewish Community Center; 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley.

New School's Spring: April 29, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: running games, Flamenco dance, face painting; Free; 11111 University Ave., Berkeley.

People's Park 26th: April 30, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.: concert featuring Matt and Cornel West in Company; tin Luther King Junior High School; Rose St., North Berkeley.

Solo Sierrans: Hike and 40: May 3, 6 p.m.: Reservoir; 652-4928.

Swimming for Adults: Water: April 29, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.; BHS pool, 540-4814.

Twilight Storytime: school series for ages 3-4; 7 p.m. Albany High School; 3720.

UAM/PA: SF International Festival continues April 27, 643-5041 for info; George A. BHS pool, 540-4814.

Women Empowering: Workshops: April 29, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: "Electricity, Part I"; May 1, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: "Strategies for Water in Your Home"; call 642-4242 for info.

Youth Celebration Day: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Celebrate achievement of youth; activities, music, awards, jobs, fair, games and food; go to Magic from Oakland; Dr. King Jr. Plaza; Alston and Berkeley.

Exhibits

Narrative Portraits: 23: Susan Matthews; East Bay Utility District Art Gallery; 13 Oakland.

Artisans Spring Open: 4 - 7, 11 - 6 p.m.: Susan Matthews; Lee Shanks and Bill Cramer; original design art to wear jewelry, figurative painting, sculpture, ceramics and glass; Strawberry Creek Design Center; 2414 Berkeley.

16th Annual Quilt Show: May 6: Free exhibition of quilts; Berkeley Public Library Branch; 1170 The Alameda; 644-6850.

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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinertnick

Chamber member offers timely advice

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce extends appreciation to David Bahrami, D.D.S., and associates at Access Dental Care for extending their hospitality at the April 19 mixer at the new dental center in the Del Norte area, Knott at San Pablo Avenue. Good networking, food and beverage allowed a lot of time for all participating, and a look at the new facilities available for family dental care and other specialties.

The chamber also enjoyed a mixer with the Richmond Chamber hosted by the Three Seasons Restaurant, gourmet cooking school at Contra Costa College, on April 13. Lots of excellent foods prepared by the chefs and meeting of many new and old acquaintances.

The next mixer will be a joint mixer with the Albany Chamber of Commerce May 2, co-hosted by Alan Caruso of Alan Caruso Insurance at 367 Colusa Ave., Kensington, and Piazza Fontana Italian Restaurant at 385 Colusa, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Guests are asked to gather first at Piazza for more refreshments and the drawing of prizes.

David will be a special guest who will oversee the drawing.

The El Cerrito Chamber is welcoming new member Boulton Enterprises, "Bohdi" Boulton, mail at 11780 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, 236-7555. In addition to being a

health practitioner, Boulton offers services in massage seminars, graphic design and writing.

The chamber is also extending appreciation to recent renewals of membership by The Junket; El Cerrito Pet Hospital; Toy Symphony; More Car Company; and Fern Luoma, associate member.

You failed to file tax returns for 1994. You didn't send money in with your request for an extension. You're bothered by continuing problems with the IRS.

Is that what's troubling you? If it is, you'd do well to pay a quick call on Martin Ahmed, one of the newer members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

Ahmed is head of a firm called Martin & Associates, an accounting and tax service firm located at 10749 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito.

Stressing the need for quick action when you have a tax problem, Ahmed points out that waiting for a solution can be expensive.

"Penalties and interest pile up by the day," he warns.

"Procrastination is a bigger enemy than the IRS. Small amounts owed can get larger very fast — unless you do something about them right away."

Pointing out that a lot of people are overpaying the IRS, Ahmed says that filing a tax

return today is a very complicated process — and that an experienced tax man can keep his clients from paying too much.

"An experienced tax man," he declares, "will not only earn the cost of his own fee, he will earn money for his client, too."

"My clients' interests are my foremost interest. My clients are my life. Their problems are my problems."

Ahmed reports that the IRS has tightened up on deductions, and is checking up as never before to make sure they are correct.

"Today," he warns, "the chances are greater that the IRS will catch errors on the tax form. Mistakes could result in long delays getting tax refunds or in the charging of interest on additional money owed as a result of miscalculation."

The way to avoid either of these problems, the head of Martin & Associates explains, is to have his firm file an amended return immediately.

Not only does Ahmed help his clients save money when filing their returns, his firm — through its accounting service — helps them prepare throughout the year for their annual bout with the tax man.

"A good accountant," he explains, "can plan in advance for a businessman's tax position at the end of the year. A bookkeeper can only put down figures. An accountant can recommend business practices and investments that will put the businessman in the best position, tax-wise."

Well-qualified to handle both tax and accounting work, Ahmed obtained a master's degree in business



Martin Ahmed, of Martin & Associates, is welcomed to membership by Chamber President Vera Boyovich (left) and El Cerrito City Councilmember Cathie Kosel.

administration from Cal State-Hayward and a Ph.D. degree in economics and history from UC-Berkeley.

While still in school Ahmed, who was born in Bangladesh, became interested in the American tax system and went to work part-time for a CPA.

After graduation from UC, he bought homes and renovated them for sale until 1989, when he went into tax and accounting work on a full-time basis.

In 1992 he opened his own office, operating out of his home in Lafayette. In January of this year he moved to his present location on San Pablo Avenue.

Ahmed and his wife, Shahida, have two daughters — the oldest of which helps out in the office on weekends.

Free copies of the 1995 Senior Resource Directory are now available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 10848 San Pablo Ave.

The directory contains 21 pages of hard-to-find senior medical, financial and legal resource listings in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

It also has articles about senior centers, adult day care centers, and elder financial and

physical abuse. The El Cerrito Chamber will be participating May 6 when the Home Fair will be sponsored by the West Contra Costa and Berkeley associations of Realtors in the El Cerrito Plaza in a tented area on the south side of the Plaza. A special Chamber booth will be staffed by chambers of West County, with handouts of maps and varied information on their cities.

Pepsi-Cola cans bolster Albany police teen program

ALBANY - To reach the heartbeat of the motoring public, especially teenagers, the Albany Police Department's Chief Operator Teen Driver program relies on music and consumer products to promote traffic safety.

The program's latest venture includes a partnership with Pepsi-Cola Company and Ball Corporation.

A limited, special edition of Pepsi soda cans have been issued for the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties. The cans feature Chief Operator program spokespersons, Detective Sergeant Bill "Elvis" Palmi

and Sergeant Art "The Lawman" Clemons.

They are being distributed by youth groups and community organizations in order to promote the Chief Operator Song and Music Video contest and to inspire teens to write songs with traffic safety messages.

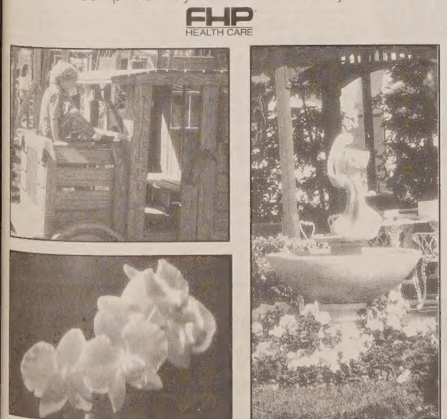
Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury and death to teens. The Chief Operator Teen Driver program is a fine-tuning of the adult designated-driver concept. For information, contact Albany Police Department at 525-7300.

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Health Talk

Hypertension - The "Silent Killer"

By Joseph Clift, MD

Hypertension is called the "silent killer" with good reason — unless detected through regular checkups, most people don't know they have high blood pressure until the condition causes serious harm. It is a condition in which blood in the arteries is under excessive pressure, causing the heart to work harder than it should to circulate blood. Left untreated, hypertension can cause heart failure, and damage and weaken blood vessels, resulting in a host of other health problems including stroke, kidney failure, and even vision loss.

Everyone is at risk and the risk rises as we get older. African Americans are more prone to hypertension than Caucasians, and men of all races are at a greater risk than women. A variety of lifestyle factors can also contribute. These include lack of regular exercise, a major contributor to your risk, as well as being overweight, smoking, and the excessive consumption of caffeine and alcohol. A salty, high-fat diet can also lead to hypertension. Chronic, unrelieved stress contributes to your risk as well, and there is a genetic component to the disease; if one or both of your parents have high blood pressure, you may also be at greater risk.

Blood pressure is easily measured, and the measurement consists of two numbers, the diastolic and systolic blood pressures. There is quite a bit of variability in terms of what is "normal" or healthy blood pressure, but most agree that the lower the better, while a reading of 140/90 or higher requires attention.

The good news is that hypertension can be easily prevented or treated with lifestyle changes. Regular exercise like walking, jogging, swimming or aerobics are all very helpful. Weight loss, diet changes, and stress reduction are also very effective. In more sub-

born cases, a variety of effective "anti-hypertensives" are available.

There's some concern about the side-effects of medications for high blood pressure, of course, particularly following recent media reports of an increased risk of heart attack among those taking calcium channel blockers. You shouldn't be overly concerned, however; the findings were preliminary, and suggest only a very, very small increase in risk, if any. Thus the American Heart Association recommends that patients on calcium channel blockers should continue, and check with their physicians if they have any concerns. The bottom line is that the side effects from calcium channel blockers or any other medications used to treat high blood pressure are minor compared to the risks of leaving hypertension untreated.

Because hypertension can be so damaging before symptoms appear, it's imperative to have your blood pressure checked on a regular basis. If you're over 40, it's a good idea to have your blood pressure checked at least once a year, though if you have any of the risk factors associated with hypertension, twice a year is better.

Join us for a health lecture: "High Blood Pressure and Stroke: Is There a Common Thread?" through Summit Health Access.

WHO: Dr. Joseph Clift, an internist, and Dr. Robert Gingery, a vascular surgeon, both on the staff at Summit Medical Center in Oakland.

WHEN: May 3 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: The Health Education Center, 400 Hawthorne Avenue. If you'd like more information about the seminar, or about hypertension, please call Summit Health Access at (510) 869-6737.



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Multimedia
Notes

BILL MANN

Violence Concerto

The binary "blood" was flying around in miniature hexagons. I was watching a 14-year-old boy play a hot CD-ROM computer game called "Doom 2" the other day. Like millions of other youth across the country these days, this young man has forsaken afternoon TV for video games. But are parents paying as much attention to the games their kids are playing as to what they watch on TV?

I've started a CD-ROM review column that's being carried by the New York Times Regional Newspapers. And it didn't take long to discover that most of the hottest CD-ROM titles are also the most "violent." They are also among the most technologically advanced, these combat games like "Doom" and "Descent." But, to give them their due, they're also among the most creative. After what happened last week in Oklahoma City, violence is something that's on everyone's mind, a national illness that won't go away. Not as long as we have thousands of unstable people running around with weapons and explosives.

I'd be uncomfortable to see a 6- or 7-year-old kid playing "Doom 2," in which the player is a chainsaw-wielding ex-Marine character lugging around a small arsenal of firepower, running amok through the corridors of hell with a rocket launcher at the ready, laying waste to a Nazi torture chamber en route to the devil. But a

bright 14-year-old kid with two solid parents and a stable home environment? I found myself chucking at this teen playing the game and found myself being pulled into it by its flashing lights, explosions, and simulated mayhem. Guy stuff. Doom 2 is very hot right now. Ask most any teenager. Are we sowing the seeds of our own — dare I say it? — doom with all this violent content for kids?

I would be remiss if I did not warn parents, especially those with younger children, just what's hot on the CD-ROM market these days. The sales of CD-ROMs exploded last year after millions of multimedia computers with built-in CD drives were sold, and a few hot games are now selling 200,000 copies and up. CD-ROMS — they look just like music CD's — can store many times the information of floppy discs, and the graphics on them can be beautiful. And some CD-ROM best-sellers, like "Myst" and "Seventh Guest," are not violent, but visually pleasing and mentally challenging.

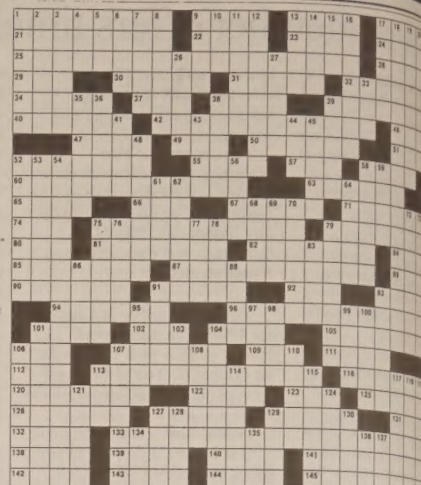
I played one new hot selling CD-ROM called "Bioforge" the other day. The game opens with your character trapped in an alien base beneath the lunar surface, where you're about to be subjected to medical experimentation. In the first screen, a mad doctor with an evil grin is coming at you with a Black and Decker-like circular saw. Before long, the youngster "demo-ing" the game for me had escaped, then ripped the arm off one guard and was beating the guy with it. It was bizarre, but in

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a perverse, comic way. I admit it: I began laughing.

And here's where many of us will disagree.

I have this discussion with my wife often: I maintain that kids can distinguish between cartoon violence — in which I include computer games — and the more realistic simulations you see in so-called "splat" or "body-count" movies, the ones you see on pay-cable, the ones

sully the shelves of so many video stores. I grew up watching some fairly violent Warner Bros. cartoons that were designed to be shown to adults in movie theatres, and I have no criminal record. So far. My wife maintains that all these combat games and movies desensitize people to violence, and maybe it's true. Still, isn't this a matter of degree and context.

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Berkeley rowers relish Marin win

Gray Cathrall

Berkeley High's varsity and JV crew teams made the most of the competition last weekend, easily outpacing the Oakland Strokes on Saturday, then coming back on Sunday to upset longtime rival Marin Rowing Association at its home course in Larkspur.

The Berkeley boys' team's 2-1/2-boat length victory over Marin was the first time it had beaten Marin since 1990, according to BHS crew coach Vince Horpel.

"To the best of my knowledge," Horpel said, "that was the first time our varsity boats have won at Larkspur, and the first time since at least 1990 Berkeley has beaten Marin Rowing in any race, anywhere...for at least 15 years."

The Yellowjackets won in 6 minutes, 8.8 seconds, a time eight seconds ahead of Marin, and the significance was lost on the members of Berkeley's varsity crew. "I knew it was a must-win situation," Horpel admitted. "I don't think they surprised themselves, but the idea of being able to pull off a victory and to win was sweet."

It also was a sweet victory to all those involved — the coaches and parents who still come to our races. Their kids have gone, off to college or even out of college, but we've all been touched in some way by Berkeley High Rowing over the past 10 to 12 years."

The women's varsity-8 boat had a much closer race, losing to Marin by just three seconds, with Serra trailing in third place. Berkeley's winning time was 7:00.1. Horpel admitted the easy win one day earlier at the



Gordon Fulton

Berkeley High's varsity-8 won back-to-back races last weekend over Oakland Strokes and Marin Rowing. Varsity BHS rowers are Julian Fulton, Chris Rea, Max May, Paul Vogler, Saul Zippin, Anthony Barr, Aytan Litwin, Sterling Jordan and coxswain Jon Shugart. Jasmine Hyman is the coxswain.

Oakland Estuary proved to be a good tune-up for his varsity and JV teams. "The race against Oakland allowed us to get the bugs out before the really serious race with Marin," he said.

Three weeks earlier, Berkeley JV-8 boys beat Marin by four seconds to win the San Diego Crew Classic. Sunday at Larkspur it was strictly no contest as the Yellowjackets romped to a 15-second victory. They took the lead right away and kept increasing it throughout the

race, posting a winning time that was two seconds faster than their own varsity boat (6:06.8).

One day earlier against Oakland, Berkeley's JV boat finished second to its own varsity boat by just five seconds, so Horpel knew anything could happen at Larkspur.

"Going into the race Sunday with Marin, our JV was

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Jackets slam De La Salle; move to 2nd

By Gray Cathrall

In a fitting payback for a narrow loss four weeks ago, Berkeley High's tennis team bumped off De La Salle 7-2 on Tuesday, taking over second place in the Bay Valley Athletic League from the Spartans in the process.

It definitely was a day for the Yellowjackets, as five of the six singles players won and two of the three doubles teams added to the victory.

Alex Kopel started out the best way possible, beating De La Salle's No. 1 singles player in three sets (6-1, 4-6, 6-4), avenging a 3-set loss to De La Salle on March 23.

"Alex played a really strong player," BHS tennis coach Frantz Glasz said. "But he is a quiet, serious player who goes out and does the job. He's understated and deceptively good."

Peter Kaes, the Yellowjackets' No. 2 singles player, won in two sets, but had his hands full the entire way. He beat his opponent 7-6 (7-4), 6-4, a much closer match than the first time they played, showing charac-

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El Cerrito knocks out Piedmont in NCCAL volleyball

Gray Cathrall

After the first round of league games in the NCCAL's initial year of men's volleyball, El Cerrito knocked out Piedmont with a convincing 4-game win over Piedmont.

Down 14-1 in the first game, the Gauchos got back and battled back before losing 15-12. They erased the score to win the second game 15-12, then won the third game in an easy time of it in games three and four, winning 15-12 and 15-12.

"We just started putting the ball over the net," was the explanation given by El Cerrito coach Fred Gonzales. "After that first game, we stopped trying to win the ball, and let them make the mistakes." In other matches closer to home, El Cerrito lost in games to Richmond and lost in three straight to Anza, arguably the strongest of the four teams in league this year.

Though it lost to De Anza, the relatively inexperienced Gauchos team had to feel pleased by its effort against the senior-laden Dons. After barely losing the first game 15-12, El Cerrito was ahead in the second and third games before losing 16-14, 17-15.

De Anza is a good, experienced team," Gonzales said. "They took their lumps last year, but they'll do better this year."

We made some critical mistakes. We fought hard in the first two games, then served three straight times into the net. In the last game, we were ahead, but De Anza won the last four points to win 17-15.

It was that close." The match with Richmond presented a different problem: how to score against a savvy bunch of players who make up for their lack of height with exceptional defensive skill and know-how.

The problem ultimately could not be solved, and the Gauchos, after winning the first game 15-10, lost the next three (15-11, 15-9, 15-13) and the match.

They defended us very well. They have some excellent defensive players. Richmond puts everything back," Gonzales explained. "It just makes you frustrated, then you begin to break down on offense. It serves just weren't sharp."

Leading El Cerrito's volleyball team this year are outside hitters Daniel Lai and Tim Maestas, a pair of seniors who played on the JV team last year. Joe Schuman, playing high school volleyball for the first time, takes over as the team's starting middle hitter. All three players are seniors.

Another senior, Jason Lau, holds the key role as setter, while junior Steve Tanamachi is a back row player. Also rotating into the back row is Joe Ip. With the second round of league games starting next week, Gonzales predicts his team will show considerable improvement on defense and "serve more consistently."

Pro Kennex junior tennis posts results

After several false starts due to rain, the Pro Kennex Junior League of tennis, organized by coach Jones of Berkeley High, finally got off the ground.

In tennis action at King Junior High, visiting Washington beat the Aztec 6-3, as five of its six singles players won their matches.

No. 1: Matt Fitzgerald (K) vs. Christo Logan, 6-

No. 2: Ashleigh Day (K) vs. Chris Muller, 6-4
No. 3: Kevin Holmes (A) vs. Julian Coffman, 6-3
No. 4: Kevin Price (K) vs. Kevin Skipper, 6-2
No. 5: Richard Koblick (K) vs. Joey Abrams, 6-3
No. 6: Aresh Bayat (K) vs. Jesse Carp, 7-5

No. 1: Logan-Muller (A) vs. Fitzgerald-Day, 7-6
No. 2: Holmes-Jesse Israel vs. Bayat-Elie Zussman, 6-0

No. 3: Coffman-Price vs. Mirum Falcisoli-Ari, 6-0



Jeff Lindquist

Berkeley's Anthony Healy-London gets by Skyline's Todd Anderson for one of his two goals.

BHS lacrosse boys hold on to first place

By Gray Cathrall

The Yellowjackets are on the loose and definitely dangerous.

Berkeley High's boys' lacrosse team improved its season record to 7-1 and remained solidly in first place after overpowering University High of San Francisco 9-4 on Tuesday.

Anthony Healy-London scored two goals and had a pair of assists and Dan Price scored twice and added one assist to lead the Yellowjackets in a home game.

Other scoring was provided by Darien Meyer, Nate Brownlow, Matt Lam, Nam Nguyen and Ryan VanValer with one goal each. Jeremy Cohen had an assist on one of the goals. Justin Sachs-Weintraub played a strong game in goal, making five saves against the hard-charging Red Devils.

"We came out pretty strong," said assistant coach Cregg Sweeney. "By halftime the score was 8-2. We dominated through most of the game."

"University High was the NorCal champion last year, so it was a good win for us." Last Thursday, coming back from a two-week layoff, the BHS varsity beat Skyline for the second time this year, 12-4, but not without having to stave off a furious third-quarter rally by the Titans. In a game played one month earlier, Berkeley rolled to an easy 14-2 victory.

Dan Price led the league-leading Yellowjackets on Thursday to their sixth win in seven games by scoring four goals.

Coasting with a comfortable 7-1 lead early in the third quarter, Berkeley was suddenly blitzed by Skyline's overmatched but determined players. By the end of the period, it had become a close game, 7-4.

Berkeley's big sticks went to work in the fourth, scoring five goals and ending all speculation about the game's outcome in a 12-4 victory, their sixth in seven games.

St. Mary's track team maintains perfect record

St. Mary's track team sent its top duo, JonEvan Hornsby and Joel Young, to San Diego last Saturday for the Mt. Carmel Relays.

The rapidly improving Young took an early lead in the 800 meters, running a 56-second first lap. He continued to lead the race going into the final curve, but Hornsby began his move and closed the gap quickly. As they came off the final turn, JonEvan spurred away to win the race in 1:56.05, with Young finishing a strong third at 1:58.02.

This followed their 1-2 finish at the Hampton-Phillips Invitational in San Jose the week before.

Currently, Hornsby and Young are ranked No. 2 and No. 3 in the North Coast Section and are both looking forward to qualifying for the California state championship meet on June 2-3.

In the meantime, St. Mary's frosh-soph squad was busy burning up the track at the Vallejo Relays last weekend, winning seven events and dominating the competition with a 98-57 team victory.

The Panthers had a strong 1-2 finish in both the shot and discus by Matt Norris and Quin Sandoval. Norris improved by 10 feet to win the discus with a heave of 133-feet, 8-1/2 inches, and Sandoval was second at 117-feet.

They reversed their finish in the shot put, with Sandoval capturing first at 43-feet, 9-1/2 inches, and Norris second, a scant five inches behind at 43-4-1/2.

Freshman Jafar Williams continued to show his ability as a potential varsity athlete, winning three of his four events.

"His time of 56.2 seconds in the 1600-meter split (his 400-meter lap) is fast enough to give him a position on the varsity team this week," said St. Mary's track coach Jay Lawson. "He continues to work hard to improve himself."

Williams teamed up with Mike Arp, Mario Barbero and Kwamin Taylor to win the 4x400 relay in 3:36.2, a sizzling time for a frosh-soph team.

Williams, Barbero, Devin Poche-West and Khalid Taylor (Kwamin's twin brother) won the 800 relay (4x200) in a season best time of 1:35.1.

The Panthers, who remain solidly in first in the ACCAL with a perfect 6-0 record, host St. Elizabeth and Bishop O'Dowd today at 3:30 in a key league matchup. They travel to James Logan High in Union City on Saturday for the Top 8 Invitational.

Cherry, Monroe, Navies, Pittman

Berkeley still running into record books

Berkeley High School's sprint relay team — J'Juan Cherry, Marlon Monroe, Hannibal Navies and Gwangee Pittman — continued its record-breaking year by winning all three relays entered at the seventh annual Vallejo Relays.

The Yellowjackets set new meet records in the 4x100 and 4x200 meter relays and closed the meet by winning the 4x400 meter relay in their seasonal best time of 3:19.7. In the 4x400 meter relay, Pittman was replaced by Joe Cokes,

who also won his heat in the 110 meter high hurdles.

The varsity boys 4x200 meter relay was a spectacular race, with Berkeley winning in a national best time of 1:25.40 — the third fastest time in California history (the two faster times also owned by Berkeley squads of '80 and '81), and the 18th fastest of all time.

In spite of impressive splits of 20.7 by Monroe, 20.8 by Cherry and 21.2 by Navies, the team was still disappointed that they didn't set a new school record.

Not to be outdone, the Berkeley varsity girls and frosh/soph boys also posted impressive wins in both the sprint medley and 4x200 meter relays.

To date Berkeley's varsity boys' relay teams have only one defeat at each distance, with times consistently dropping.

Although they have established three new meet records this year, the team continues to focus on its primary goal of winning a state championship.

Sign up Saturday for Albany's new roller hockey league



The Albany YMCA Youth Roller Hockey Clinic held March 19 was fun for more than 55 kids between the ages of 6 and 17. The newly formed Albany Youth Roller Hockey league will run Saturdays, May 6 through July 29 at Cornell School, 904 Talbot, Albany. Sign up for the league at Cornell on Saturday, April 29, between 9 a.m. and noon or call 644-1441 for registration information. The league includes a 12-week season, referees, individual and team statistics, playoff, awards, jerseys and a skills contest. The fee is \$60, and players must be members of the Albany Y (\$22 annually). The league needs parent volunteers to assist with coaching and more. Anyone interested in sponsoring a team is asked to call Todd Jackson at 644-1441.

Crew

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really fired up. Their hunger for competition is just incredible," Horpel said. Chuckling at what he sees between his top two boats, he added, "It's even rubbing off on the varsity."

Berkeley's third varsity boat had a mishap, picking up a piece of debris on the hull which slowed it down for part of the race. The boat still finished 10 seconds behind Marin for third place.

In a display of exceedingly good sportsmanship, Marin loaned Berkeley a 4-oar boat, then allowed the Yellowjackets to win the race by less than four seconds (6:22.9). Berkeley doesn't have a 4-oar boat, so at the last minute Sunday, Chris Rea (stroke), Max May, Paul Vogler, Anthony Barr and Jon Shugart (cox) decided to try it.

"Considering we don't train with 4's, it was a pretty good showing," said Horpel.

Berkeley's women's JV-8 boat also won Sunday, beating Marin by 11 seconds and Serra by over a half-minute. The winning time was 7:29.7.

In their first race in three weeks, including a one-week school break, the Yellowjackets easily beat the Oakland Strokes on Saturday at the Oakland Estuary in both the men's and women's varsity races.

The men's varsity-8 finished in 5:52, just five seconds ahead of its JV boat and well ahead of Oakland's varsity boat. The course was shortened by 50 to 75 meters because of a barge moored off the pier at Estuary Park, the traditional finish line of crew races.

The women's varsity boat also won, finishing three boat-lengths in front of the Strokes.

"It took us a while to get our focus back after a three-week layoff," Horpel said. "After Saturday's performance, however, we seemed to be back on track. Both our varsity and JV knew the race would be between them more than against Oakland."

"Our JV boat is really on fire. In practice on Friday, (it) surprised our varsity and kept the older team from moving on them. They got out to an early lead and held it. The varsity could never regain the lead." In the novice races Saturday, an aggressive rebuilding program at Oakland Strokes paid off, with victories for their Novice A and B boats, a second place for their Novice C boat, and a first place for their Novice women's A boat.

"Our novice program is young and just developing. Our novice B boat made up a lot of ground and came within two seconds of beating Oakland's boat for second place in the Novice race," Horpel said.

Berkeley High's varsity boat now has a good opportunity to qualify for the U.S. national youth championships, to be held in Cincinnati on June 9-10.

Financial support needed

In another piece of bright news for Berkeley's crew, the JV boat has been invited to a major race, the Northwest Regional Junior Championships, in Vancouver, Wash., the weekend of May 20-21.

Though each represents a golden opportunity for the Berkeley High crews to compete on a national level, fund-raising will be necessary to get boats and crews to their destinations.

Coach Horpel said he is hoping for broad-based support from the community over the next several weeks. Those interested in helping support the successful efforts of the Berkeley High crew may send their checks (tax-deductible) to: BHS CREW and mail them to 1849 San Juan Ave., Berkeley 94707. Call 526-1167 with any questions or for additional information.

Summer basketball league teams forming in Berkeley

The Young Adult Project will be again sponsoring the following 10-game Summer Adult Basketball Leagues, scheduled to begin Monday, June 12, and Wednesday, June 14.

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There will be a mandatory coaches' meeting on Wednesday, May 24, at 7 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center, 1730 Oregon St., Berkeley. For more information, call 644-6226.

The Summer Adult League is also looking for officials for adult basketball games. If interested, call 644-6226 and speak to Phil or Julian Harris from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Tennis

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ter and determination in overcoming some distraction throughout the match from a spectator.

Stefan Shakiba, a sophomore who has been out the whole season due to an injury, stepped onto the court for the first time. Asked by Glasz to play No. 3 singles, he calmly won in two sets (6-4, 6-3) over a tough DLS opponent.

"I knew Stefan was a good player from last year, but I hadn't seen him play a real match this year," Glasz explained. "To win against the No. 2 team in the league the first time out was very good. He played a real solid match."

At No. 4 singles, Alex Grubb, another freshman, was overpowered 6-2, 6-3, in what turned out to be the only singles loss of the day. Avery Moore won the No. 5 singles in straight sets. His win was especially significant because it marked the fifth point for Berkeley, assuring a team victory in the best-of-nine game competition.

Praising the steadiest player on the team, Glasz said, "Avery is a wall. He returns everything hit to him. He plays the same way he did the early part of the season. He's very steady and never changes."

The first time team captain Kerry Hegarty played De La Salle, he breezed 6-0, 6-0 past its No. 6 player. This time he had to battle past a first-set loss before winning in three sets (4-6, 6-2, 6-1).

At No. 1 doubles, Tidy Bled and Damien Moskovitz lost 4-6, 4-6, but Vernon Gray and Morgan Hengartner beat DLS's No. 2 doubles team in three sets.

Steve Bui and Sasha Rossman at No. 3 doubles won in straight sets. Their match was the first point for Berkeley, giving a big boost to the Yellowjackets' singles players whose matches were taking place at the same time.

"Sasha and Steve did a good job for us," said Glasz. "They played together in a practice tournament last week, but De La Salle was their first official doubles match."

"To beat De La Salle was very exciting. They knew it was for second place in the league, and even though it was very cold and windy at King Field, our players were floating after we won our fifth point," said coach Glasz.

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GOLF	B	Monte Vista, at Round Hill CC		CC
	SM	Alameda, at Richmond CC		H
TENNIS	B	Monte Vista		H
	EC	Salesian		A
TRACK	SM	O'Dowd, St. Elizabeth		H

FRIDAY - APRIL 28

BASEBALL	A	St. Joseph	V/JV	H/A
	EC	Piedmont		H
	SM	Richmond	V/JV	A/H
SOFTBALL	A	St. Joseph	V/JV	A/H
	EC	Piedmont		A
SWIM	EC	St. Mary's, HN, St. Joe		H
TRACK	SM	Bob Warren Relays at Acalanes		H
VOLLEYBALL	EC	Richmond	JV/V	H

SATURDAY - APRIL 29

CREW	B	St. Ignatius, at Lake Merced, SF		
LACROSSE-B	B	Branson	V/JV	A
LACROSSE	B	Girls Var. vs. Davis "B"		H
TRACK	B	Top 8 Inv., at James Logan, Union City		
	SM	" " " "		
VOLLEYBALL	EC	JV Tourney at Antioch		A

MAY 1 - MONDAY

GOLF	SM	League Tournament at Alameda CC		
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TUESDAY - MAY 2

BASEBALL	B	Liberty	V/JV	A/H
	EC	Mt. Diablo		A
LACROSSE-B	B	Bishop O'Dowd	V/JV	H
SOFTBALL	B	Liberty		A
TENNIS	B	Liberty		H
VOLLEYBALL	B	Liberty	JV/V	H

WEDNESDAY - MAY 3

BASEBALL	A	St. Mary's	V/JV	A/H
	EC	Richmond		A
	SM	Albany	V/JV	H/A
SOFTBALL	A	Holy Names	V	H
	EC	Richmond		H
LACROSSE	B	Girls Var. vs. O'Dowd		H
SWIM	EC	De Anza		A
TRACK	B	Monte Vista		A
VOLLEYBALL	EC	De Anza	JV/V	A

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Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 pm

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Verdi Requiem from OEBS

Michael Morgan delivered a stirring performance of Verdi's operatic Requiem Mass.

Marilyn Tucker

Despite the huge quantity of Requiem Masses that have been performed out repeatedly since the time of Christendom, there's no doubt around the unique spot in particular canon that is occurring so forcefully and gratefully Giuseppe Verdi's Manzonian Requiem. This was brought home again on Friday with the performance by the Oakland East Bay Symphony and vocal forces under Michael Morgan's direction at the Paramount Theatre.

Orchestra

Composed as a memorial for his friend, the Italian writer patriot Alessandro Manzoni, the work bears little kinship with countless other Masses set to Latin funeral liturgy. Hugely dramatic, deeply emotional and as operatically specific as *Aida* that Verdi had written years earlier in 1871, the Requiem gets the juices of the first minute to last.

Morgan had a firm thematic focus on this stirring music. He began and ended the 90-minute performance without interruption, with "Requiem" chords and with the same elegiac motif. Within that period, however, there were times when one day with literal truth in seconds like the "Dies Irae" ("Day of Wrath") that all hell threatened to break loose.

In general, the performances all concerned were uniformly excellent. The Oakland East Bay Symphony, with its huge complement of brasses and percussion, performed with passion and precision. As Morgan and the players reiterated again and again, this was not the kind of liturgical music that came crawling into such an attitude of mystical excess. Tension was maintained throughout in undisturbed dramatic flow.

There were religious glories to spare, as in the "Sanctus" with

its monumental eight-part fugue and ending "Hosanna" that stretched toward heaven, but a contemplative atmosphere was not the prevailing keynote. Morgan's canvas had many tints, often painted with forcible strokes of grief, awe and terror. The sinner's "Salva me" ("Save me") was not so much a pitiful plea for mercy as a non-negotiable demand.

Magen Solomon's 100-plus member Oakland Symphony Chorus was also pretty terrific. The chorus could use a few more male voices (so what else is new?), but for the most part the singers were admirably balanced, giving the Requiem the great sweeps of power and radiant sonorities it demands. In the several critical a cappella sections, the singers maintained a consistent focus. Also, despite their somewhat leaner numbers, the men gave cannon force to the "Tuba mirum."

Results were almost as good with the select solo quartet: soprano Judith Raddue, mezzo-soprano Leslie Richards-Pellegrini, tenor Daniel Harper and bass David Tigner, each of whom has an extensive local performing history.

Richards-Pellegrini's luxuriant mezzo-soprano, true and rich in every note of a large register, is the genuine article when it comes to Verdi voices. She looks and sounds as if she were born to sing Amneris, the *Aida* role that is a distinguishing mark in her repertoire. She brought an imposing heraldic power to the "Liber scriptus." In the "Recordare," which in the lengthy list of masterful Verdi duets stands out, Richards-Pellegrini and Raddue achieved a kind of celestial vocal communion. The eerie sound effects of their perfectly matched octaves in the "Agnus Dei" also stick to the memory.

Raddue's contribution to the success of the Verdi Requiem was also substantial and also an absolute necessity as anyone with a knowledge of the ending "Libera me, Domine" must surely know. Frankly, I've never heard Raddue sing so beautifully and with such confidence as she did on Friday night. There was a huge spread in the "Libera me," not only in vocal demands but in interpretive insights as well. Raddue sailed in on the first note and never let up. Her voice beamed with power, but it also searched



Soprano Judith Raddue

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for intimacy and poetry and tied the whole thing together with fluid grace.

Tigner has sung his part so often he must own it by now. Drama is the overriding instinct in his interpretation, occasionally at the expense of the beauty of sound. He sounded scary and fearful in the "Mors stupebit," severe and demanding in the "Confutatis." At its best, Tigner's bass was a fervent foundation for the quartet.

There is no easy way to judge Harper's performance without saying that his voice, so carefully nurtured and easy in the past, skirted trouble throughout the evening. I hope it was only a cold or some other minor indisposition that will pass, but high notes weren't there, nor the power and lyric grace. When his voice wasn't exposed, as in the solo "Ingemisco," it filled its niche nicely.

A large audience responded to this performance of the Verdi Requiem with joyful enthusiasm. The performance was dedicated to the memory of the late Calvin Simmons, Oakland Symphony music director from 1972 until his timely death in 1982.

O'Neill's 'Misbegotten': call AA

Two human wrecks find solace in a night of hard drinking.

By Don McConnell

The "dark night of the soul," especially when experienced by two people sharing a bottle, is a feature of many of the plays we regard as 20th-century American classics. My favorite alcoholic talkathons are Brick's in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and George and Martha's in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*. *Moon for the Misbegotten*, the Eugene O'Neill play in mid-run at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, is a purer example of this subgenre than any play I know.

Stage

You have plenty of time for such thoughts as you watch Josie Hogan and Jim Tyrone toss back whiskey neat, four ounces at a time. Imagine a Shakespeare play, or a classic from any period since then, in which two characters come on stage with a bottle, then spend the night drinking and disgorging their deepest nightmares.

Obsessive self-examination—which is what the alcohol usually produces on stage—is the penchant of lead characters in all ages; and I suppose that alcohol is most often used by modern playwrights as a device to start the introspection rolling. Nobody in a Williams or Albee play actually gets drunk; they're generally wide awake as they peel back their skin for us.

In an O'Neill play, though, sometimes the characters are just drunk. *A Moon for the Misbegotten* has a variety of themes—generational conflicts, the fragility of romance between human wrecks (a Tennessee Williams' specialty), and others. But a very major theme is the alcoholism itself.

There are moments in act II when you feel you're watching a public-health skit. Josie, the proud and lonely Irish-American farm girl, though no drinker, swallows about 8 ounces of whiskey in a minute or two. She hopes to induce Jim Tyrone, whose alcoholism is so advanced it completely dominates his life,



Jim Tyrone (Charles Dean) spends a night unconscious in the arms of Josie Hogan (Michelle Morain), in 'A Moon for the Misbegotten,' at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre through May 19.

to get drunk enough to be lured into sex and, thereby, marriage.

O'Neill portrays the results of the drinking with remarkable precision. Tyrone has grim little episodes of the DTs; he goes through a range of moods and degrees of physical coordination as he drinks with Josie, finally collapsing in a stupor with his head on Josie's breast. She sits still all night, to let him sleep.

This is the climax of the play, the truly pitiful payoff for Josie. She and Tyrone have dropped their pretensions and acknowledged their feelings for each other. But along the way, Josie has realized that Tyrone is beyond redemption. The best she can hope for him is that he die pain-

lessly in his sleep sometime soon.

I suppose it doesn't matter that the hero's tragic flaw is alcoholism rather than pride or ambition. What does matter is that O'Neill delivers the necessary catharsis; we feel wrung out along with the characters, and moved, and relieved.

Michelle Morain and Charles Dean brought these ogle-ish characters to compelling life. Morain slightly overemphasized, for my comfort, the agricultural side of the role; her Josie had the monumental air of a Willa Cather heroine, of a pioneer woman besting the prairie. But that interpretation put Morain in the position to be both mother and anchor to

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'Fantasticks' almost weaves a spell at CCCT

The strengths and weaknesses of this 1960 musical are apparent in CCCT's likable production.

By Phyllis Lyon

The Contra Costa Civic Theatre is welcoming spring with a blooming production of *The Fantasticks*, the coming-of-age musical parable "about love." True love triumphs weekends in El Cerrito through May 27.

Musical comedy

Playing its trump card first, *Fantasticks* opens with "Try to Remember," the song which has been velcroing itself into audience brains worldwide since 1960. The tune, sung by The Narrator (Robert Hamm, who doubles as the evil El Gallo), beckons the playgoers to "follow, follow, follow," into the Romeo and Juliet tale of young lovers kept apart by a family feud.

The Girl (Loretta Fields Janca) and The Boy (Howard Miller), so in love, must whisper through a garden wall put up by battling gardeners, their fathers.

But the feud is a sham. The patriarchs of the Hucklebee and Bellomy families (played, sung and danced with rustic gusto by Arthur Atlas and Don Hanson, respectively) are in fact pals who are all for the romance and, in "Never Say No," explain their theory of child rearing: if you want kids to do something, just say No.



At the end of act I, the lovers and their fathers are ready to live happily ever after: Don Hanson, left, Howard Miller, Loretta Fields Janca and Arthur Atlas, in Contra Costa Civic Theatre's production of 'The Fantasticks.'

To provide the adventure young minds require, the fathers hire actors (David M. Lee and John Tangney) to stage an abduction — Boy saves Girl and all will end well, they think.

The number "It Depends On What You Pay" unfortunately takes the fantasy-mode out of act I with its repetition of the nasty word "rape." The explanation that it really means "abduction"

doesn't keep the players from looking discomfited and the audience from squirming in their seats.

However, the scheme works and act I, symbolically set "in the moonlight," ends happily.

Happily, but not ever after. Playgoers who think they've seen everything at intermission time are warned that it's not over till it's over. Playwise, the better is

yet to come.

Act II takes place "in the sunshine" of glaring reality, and the fathers' nefarious plot is uncovered. The Boy runs away only to be set upon by comen (Lee and Tangney, redux).

Meanwhile, The Girl is lured into a life of sin by the handsome, but evil, El Gallo. Viewing the world through a rose-colored

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'My Fair Lady' this weekend

Oakland Lyric Opera's production of 'My Fair Lady' opens Friday, starring Katy Stephan as Eliza Doolittle, the cockney flower girl trained by linguist Henry Higgins to enter high society. Alan Dettmering plays Higgins; Bill Frey is Colonel Pickering; Higgins' sidekick.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, all at the Scottish Rite Center Theater, 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. Tickets are \$18 (\$15 seniors/students, \$10 children under 17). Call 531-4231 for reservations.

'Cure': an AIDS story that avoids the usual pitfalls

Both boys are played by extraordinary young actors.

By Basil De Pinto

A number of elements conspire to make *The Cure* worthwhile, the first being that this is the directorial debut of Peter Horton. In tackling a deeply affecting story of AIDS in children, Horton shows mature skill in handling the complexity of dealing with two 11-year-old stars and avoiding excessive weepiness.

Movies

Erik (Brad Renfro) is the neighborhood bad boy, a loner from a broken home. Shunned and taunted by his schoolmates, he establishes a bond with Dexter (Joseph Mazzello) who is also an outsider because he has AIDS, contracted through a blood transfusion.

Erik takes on the role of protector for Dexter, who has enough health to play outdoors and enjoy the woods and river near their Minnesota home, but who also tires easily. Alienated from his neglectful mother (Diana Scarwid), Erik finds a surrogate home with his friend and comfort in the warmth of Dexter's mother (Annabella Sciorra).

At the checkout counter of a local supermarket, where they have gone to spend Dexter's allowance on candy bars, the boys spy a tabloid story that purports to reveal a cure for AIDS discovered by a doctor in New

Orleans.

Erik convinces Dexter that they should float down river, a distance of some 1,200 miles, to find the doctor and obtain the cure. Their adventures take up the rest of the film and end predictably enough back home with Dexter in the hospital.

Metaphors are clearly much in evidence: the search, trial by water, the loneliness of individuals healed by friendship. The wonder of Robert Kuhn's screenplay is that the symbolism is so natural that it never gives way to pretentiousness.

Much of the film is shot out of doors, which provides an idyllic quality as the camera glides over peaceful waters and through sun-dappled woods. Life is portrayed as rich and abundant, even though we know that death is an ever-present, silent observer.

But there is also a minimum of solemnity and a healthy dose of humor, including a hair-raising downhill ride in a shopping cart and, even in the hospital, a penchant for playing tricks on unwary grownups.

The characters of the two boys are well delineated, although Erik is the more important because he is the one who develops more clearly. Erik's loneliness is destructive; he is always hanging or impaling toys and objects he acquires. His insecurity makes him sullen and aggressive at once.

When we first see Dexter, he is building a mud fort and peeping it with soldiers and carts. Whether by nature or because of his illness, he shows a serenity



Dexter (Joseph Mazzello), in cart, is an 11-year-old with AIDS who befriends neighborhood bad boy Erik (Brad Renfro).

which is not softness but clarity: he knows how sick he is.

He is also unusually intelligent, which makes it hard to believe that he would follow Erik's lead on the crazy voyage that can only result in worsening his condition.

The script also fails to confront the more unpleasant physical aspects of AIDS aside from some respiratory distress. Dexter coughs a lot and he looks tired, but he is never subject to the ravages of skin lesions or debilitating weight loss.

But these flaws are bearable because the underlying personal and spiritual transformations are more important than clinical

exactitude. We know that there is no cure for Dexter; what matters is how he himself becomes the cure.

Mazzello was once known as Joey, but has now graduated to Joseph. At the grand old age of 11 he has a personal dignity and charm which the Bobs and Bills of public life cannot even imagine. He runs the gamut of emotion, from easy relaxation to precocious anxiety, with an apparent simplicity which hides the skill of the experienced actor.

Brad Renfro gave no hint in *The Client* of the versatility and mastery of character which he shows here. He is the chameleon-

like Erik to perfection, with dark and almost menacing moods giving way to courage and tenderness as he spends himself in caring for his friend.

Horton's achievement in this film outweighs the few places where he stumbles. The final image, of peacefully flowing sunlit water, is worthy of the symbolic gestures of Kurosawa. How many first-time directors would bring that kind of thought to mind?

We come away from the picture convinced that even though no cure is at hand, the human capacity to heal will always save us from ourselves

O'Neill

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Tyrone.

Charles Dean played Tyrone as a character intent on dropping every mask. As this Tyrone reveals his fears and flaws to Josie, there is no attempt to add charm as a palliative. The result was a powerful performance, but one that was often uncomfortable to watch.

This no-pretense approach was the more striking in contrast with Jonathan McMurtry's all-charm approach to the play's third main character, Josie's father, a rascally old farmer who tries to swindle friend and foe alike.

A friend who saw the play with me thought McMurtry made the character too soft, too far short of the holy terror everyone claims he is. But it struck me that the inconsistency is O'Neill's. The play begins with a scene in which Josie gives her brother Mike enough money to escape the farm, where he is a slave (complete with beatings) to his father. But from the moment he comes on stage, the father is a paper tiger. In fact, he's a downright lovable old scoundrel, and McMurtry makes the most of him.

Andrew Hurteau plays the brother as the unbearable prig he is, making us glad to see him leave the stage (I think that's a compliment). Blake Maxam, as the oil-millionaire neighbor of the Hogan, seemed too like a cartoon to be convincing, though his scene with the old farmer is pure farce.

The single bleak set—the porch and side of a weathered farmhouse—and equally severe costumes were appropriate in a play that cuts away every distraction.

Michael Bloom directed; Barbara Mesney was the scenic designer, Lydia Tanji the costumer.

Moon for the Misbegotten plays through May 19 at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Performances are at 8 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, and at 2 p.m. alternating Thursdays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$25 to \$34. Call 845-4700.

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Fantasticks

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mask, Fields Janca singlehandedly creates the play's high-tension highlight in the second act's chaotic climax, "Round and Round."

Boy and Girl come to their senses in time to discover the truism, there's no place like home.

The Fantasticks opened at the Sullivan Theater in May 1960. Though tepid reviews threatened closure after the first week, it went on to become the longest-running musical in theater history with an estimated 10,000 performances somewhere in the world, including China, over the past 35 years. So much for the critics.

Tom Jones, who wrote words for Harvey Schmidt's music, was quoted as saying, "The simpler you do something, the better it's going to be." But Jones doesn't seem to have taken his own advice. The airy fantasy is weighed down with an everything-but-the-kitchen-sink olio of musical and literary forms and

styles.

As CCCT director Lindi Bauman points out in her program notes, *Fantasticks* includes "elements of the ancient Greek drama (the Narrator or 'chorus'), Chinese theater (the 'invisible' property man), Italian commedia dell'arte (the feuding fathers) and ... the American musical comedy."

Add to that, tableaux and sword fights, sprinkles of Shakespeare, Pinocchio, Pyramus and Thisbe, and more, and the fantasy doesn't fly.

Nevertheless, there's a lot to like in the CCCT's *Fantasticks*—Atlas-Hanson duets as the charming farmers, the clear, true singing voice of Fields Janca, the cool, seductively bad Hamm, comic dying by Tangney, the silent property man played by Ron Lacap, and more.

The Fantasticks plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through May 27, and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 30, May 7 and 21. \$12 (\$6 youth); call 524-9132.

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Drill

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Albany Earthquake Preparedness Coordinator Simpson to almost 100 block representatives at a meeting several weeks after the "quake."

Albany's stake quake was the first statewide drill done in California according to state experts, said Robert Cheasty, co-chair with his wife, Marie, of the Albany Earthquake Preparedness Program.

Only four blocks carried out a full-scale functional drill with fake gas leaks, teams of neighbors located shut-off valves, and Boy Scouts on bikes shuttling between blocks and the fire department. Other blocks residents did a table-top drill, discussing post-quake scenarios provided by Simpson. He estimated that about 70 percent of about 220 residential blocks in Albany participated in the drill.

The Albany Earthquake Preparedness Program grew out of earthquake programs in the local schools. A steering committee formed last year with the goal of getting every block in Albany involved in earthquake preparations, Cheasty said. Now the city is divided into eight zones, each with coordinators, and each city block has captains. Most

blocks haven't progressed as far in organizing neighbors as the 900 block of Carmel Street has, but captains from those blocks said that the earthquake drill day brought out a lot of interest and new faces.

Laurie Kirkpatrick, of the 700 block of Curtis Street, said she had been trying to organize her block for two years without much success, but that the drill brought out 15 neighbors, who volunteered for teams, such as first aid, and search and rescue.

Another block captain said she now has a co-captain as a result of the meeting.

"I'm much more enthused. I was ready to quit last week," she said. One man at her meeting offered to strap any water heaters on the block. The fire department will also strap water heaters for residents, but there is a waiting list of about 250 people, said Simpson.

Claire Murphy, who is organizing the 800 block of Key Route Boulevard, said the drill "raised the level of enthusiasm for taking more responsibility." Her block will hold a garage sale soon to raise money for common supplies.

The 900 block of Carmel keeps

supplies in a shed behind one home and several residents know the code for the shed's padlock, said Block Captain Munch. A wheelchair donated by one neighbor transported 83-year-old Jack Van Zoen to the first aid lawn after he "fell off his exercise bike," and was found by Search and Rescue Team members Dan and Penny Souza.

Van Zoen, in turn, had hand-made the stretcher used for other victims, with pipes and canvas.

By 10:30 a.m. the tent was successfully pitched on the first aid lawn and neighbors were actively pursuing their assignments, putting out fires, assessing damages and bandaging cuts. With the injured victims all in one location, runners could more easily make reports to the city's emergency services. By 10:45 a.m. five-year-old EO's bandages had come off because they were itchy.

Each block found creative solutions to consequences of the quake. One block reported using a lawn chair as a stretcher; another block captain said his neighbors used bike helmets as hard hats when entering possibly damaged houses.

Block captain Boyd Waters of-

fered to start an internet bulletin board for the Earthquake Preparedness Program. By 11:10 a.m. all the houses on the 800 block of Pomona Street had signs reading either "OK" or "Help" in their windows, to simplify the search process.

Pomona Street resident Jamie Lake said that when the quake hit at 10 a.m., he was torn, not knowing whether to help a neighbor he heard shouting, or to report to damage assessment team duty as instructed. At 11:30 a.m. residents of the Pomona block were gathered at the "control post," discussing such dilemmas; block co-captain Cynthia Ivy made a list of the problems.

The Pomona block is well prepared. Each resident has a kit with signs and flares and many of them keep clothes, food and water in a garbage container outside. Residents have signed a form allowing the search and rescue team to break down their door if necessary. The block has a map locating the gas valves on each home. Nevertheless, everyone recognized that the drill brought out the weak areas.

"We need to focus on safety first and damage assessment later,"

"Someone needs to run up and

down the block quickly to assess how many help signs are up."

"We can't be too specialized. We have to have cross-training," were some of the comments.

The suggestions will be discussed at a monthly meeting.

"I met a lot of people I hadn't known," said Marilyn Niehaus who just moved into her parents house on the block. "It's really important to know who lives on your block," she said.

Albany's program is successful because it works the old-fashioned way, with neighbors recruiting

neighbors, said Robert Cheasty. "People really want to build community," he said.

Around 11:45 a.m. on the 800 block of Pomona Street the hard-hats and fake injuries had been taken off. The medical supplies were locked up in a back shed. All the houses were marked with an X showing they had been searched.

By noon colored Easter eggs, a cheese ball, cup cakes, and strawberries appeared on checkered table cloths in the Tong's back yard as neighbors gathered for a "post-quake" potluck lunch.

Kensington Republican dinner Friday

The Kensington-El Cerrito Congress of Republicans is sponsoring a dinner on Friday, April 28. It will be held at Spenger's Restaurant, 1919 Fourth St., Berkeley. The guest speaker is Mark Davis, a Republican journalist, whose subject is en-

titled "Contract With America: Press and Perception."

Dinner reservations are available through Betty Sandifur at 526-0940. The cost is \$15 per person. A social hour begins at 6:15 p.m., and dinner is being served at 7 p.m.

Retired teachers meeting next week

The May meeting of West Contra Costa Division 58 of the California Retired Teachers Association will be held on Tuesday, May 2. The luncheon will be followed by Darlene Jan from Albany's Earth-

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By Frosene Phillips

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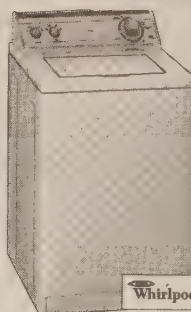
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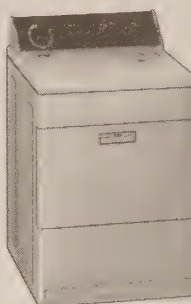
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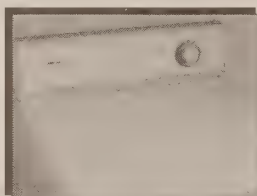
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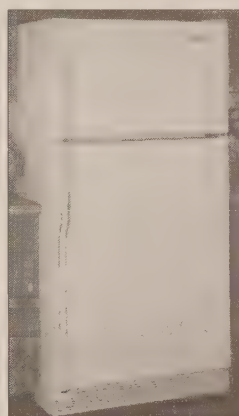
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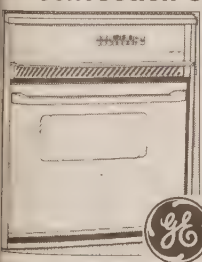
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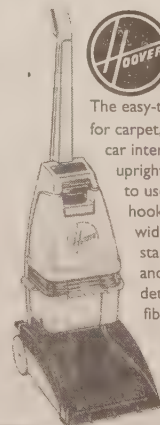
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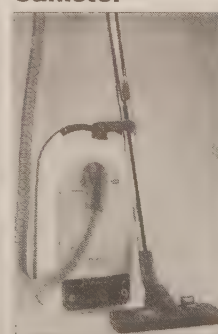
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Can We Get Along? Oakland's Pam Drake was walking on College Avenue the other day, right in front of the Edible Complex, when she noticed two guys in a car yelling obscenities.

They were hassling a gay man who was crossing the street.

Before she had time to think, Drake (who is straight) heard herself screaming at the guys in the car, "Get the hell off our street!"

They were even more startled than she was. They gunned the engine and hightailed it out of there.

"Thanks," whispered the gay man as he passed by.

Now, I'm not trying to hold up Drake as a hero or anything. She'd probably dispute the label.

But I am holding her up as a role model. For all of us.

Let's face it. Clinton is absolutely right: All the nasty talk that has passed for political discourse the last few years has created an atmosphere of hate that made the Oklahoma City bombing possible.

I wonder how Rush Limbaugh can look himself in the mirror these days.

Ditto for Jack Swanson, general manager of KSFO, who is giving air time to some of the vilest hatemongers who ever crawled out from under a rock.

Ditto for Louis Farrakhan and his mirror-image love/hate rival, the Jewish Defense League.

And those self-appointed ayatollahs of the radical right — like Pat Robertson, with his talk of "international Jewish bankers," and Jerry Falwell, who peddles mail-order videos that accuse Bill Clinton of murdering Vince Foster — who label anyone who disagrees with them as the devil incarnate.

And groups on the loony left like Uhuru House, who disrupted the Oakland City Council meeting last week by shouting down and intimidating anyone — black or white — who tried to speak in support of a drug prevention program they oppose.

And right-to-life crusaders who demonize abortion doctors and then wash their hands, like Pontius Pilate, when somebody takes the logical next step and shoots one.

In fact, I think I'll found a new political interest group: The Militant Middle.

It'll be composed of people who are sick and tired of negative political ads. Tired of search-and-destroy talk shows. Tired of political zealots who think ideas are more important than people. And tired of political cynics who are willing to manipulate the zealots for their own ends.

In short, it'll be composed of people like you and me.

To paraphrase Newt Gingrich's favorite president, the only thing we have to hate is hate itself.

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Speaking of Louis Farrakhan, we in the media have been so busy patting ourselves on the back for the bombing coverage that nobody has mentioned that the first reports on both the news wires and CNN was that the suspects were members of "The Nation of Islam."

Now, I hold no brief for Farrakhan and his organization, as you can tell from the first part of this column. But terrorism just isn't their style. It was a totally irresponsible, unsupported charge.

So will the Muslims be getting an apology from CNN or the Associated Press anytime soon? Don't hold your breath.

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Like It Was: Meanwhile, Joe Montana retired last week to universal acclaim that he was the greatest quarterback ever. (That is, if you don't count Johnny Unitas.)

But his halo will always be tarnished by the abominable way he has treated Steve Young over the years. Joe stayed right in character by making a point of not inviting him to the farewell ceremony. Young, also staying in character, responded by heaping praise on Montana's talent.

Speaking of sports, a few words are in order on the death of Howard Cosell, a man who (as boxing writer Bert Sugar said) "changed his name from Cohen to Cosell, put on a toupee, and told it like it was."

Howard always offended me, for purely aesthetic reasons. He liked to use big words; and as a writer, I've learned that small words are always better.

He was a Brooklyn Pecksniff: pompous and pretentious and more than a tad hypocritical.

But all his faults were redeemed by one single act: He stood up for Mohammad Ali when no one else would.

He may have been a jerk, but he was a jerk on the side of the angels.

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Object Lesson: Finally, Oakland Police Chief Joe Samuels took part in a panel discussion at the Metropolitan Greater Oakland Democratic Club last week at the Claremont House retirement home. The chief talked about what the city is doing to prevent urban crime. Like car break-ins.

Sitting in the audience was attorney Rena Rickles. After the chief's speech she went out to her car, which was parked right outside the entrance.

You guessed it. Somebody had broken into it.

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Lucky

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through the area. If a new middle school is constructed at the old Hill Lumber site behind the Plaza, foot traffic would only increase, he said.

Raycraft said the discussion did not specifically deal with RAC suggestions for Plaza improvement, aside from concentrating generally on the enhancement of the creek as it would contribute to the revitalization of the Plaza in general and the "potential to create a more revitalized pedestrian and shopping environment on that side of the Plaza."

Phillips added that "the general lack of access from the Ohlone Greenway...to the Plaza parking lot" is a city concern "with or without Lucky construction." Bicyclists, in particular, he said, have complained about the difficulty of climbing the steep bank from the greenway to the Plaza.

Mayor Norman La Force also attended the meeting, as did redevelopment agency chair Jane Bartke. Both LaForce and Raycraft reflected the continuing presence of questions concerning the relationship between Bilak's goals and the city's ultimate goals for the Plaza.

"They also have an interest in improvements at the Plaza," said Raycraft. "That's the common thread."

Department

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public works departments could be run more effectively and efficiently as one department.

By replacing two department heads with one, the city saves money and can hire additional lower-paid employees, decreasing management and increasing "front-line employees," said Fields.

Albany is in the process of hiring a director for the new department who will be paid between \$61,000 and \$73,000 per year, plus benefits. Ninety-five applicants for the position were narrowed down to six finalists who were to be interviewed April 25.

A secretarial position was created for the new department, and Kristina Osborn, the former secretary to the city administrator, was transferred to the position in February.

Both the public works and planning departments had been without any secretarial support since budget cuts in 1992, said departing Planning Director Claudia Cappio.

"We were limping along," said Cappio, adding that it's not efficient for the city to pay her \$35 per hour to do clerical work.

Other cities also have combined public works and

On the other hand, he said, "we may be on parallel tracks rather than the same track at this point. I don't think one tends to put someone else's interests in the same ballpark as one's own interests initially. That's natural...but this may have been the first step in educating both sides."

"We (the people representing the city) talked about the Plaza in the context of what's good for the entire city and what we see as the longterm goals of the city," said La Force. "We wanted to make sure Mr. Bilak understood that, or at least that he heard us."

According to La Force, city representatives stressed to Bilak that "we think a lot more can and should be done with the Plaza to make it a destination point."

"This has been voiced over and over again by residents."

La Force, who is a great supporter of the restoration of creeks in general, said he also stressed the city's viewpoint that certain improvements would "enhance the profitability of the Plaza" to its owners, while at the same time "increasing its economic benefits to the city." Doing something with the creek, he said, would be one such beneficial improvement. La Force supports the concept developed in the RAC committee of

developing certain amenities, like a creek, in order to make it an attractive destination in itself.

Changes, he said, must fit in with the city's master plan for the El Cerrito Plaza of the future. "The city has no master plan and has no intention of developing anyone from doing anything" until a "greater mixed use type" (including a "greater mixed use type" and the whole property and more pedestrian) is developed. "Any changes would need to fit in. We need a situation where something we agree on (keep us from) years later being able to do it."

"We must look at (planned improvements) in the context of overall land use in the area."

La Force went on to say, "I don't think the city fully appreciated the value that the creek restoration and how that would enhance the longterm viability of the Plaza. He has different interests; I don't know."

"I do think there was some gain in having a face to face meeting so he could understand our concerns are."

planning departments into a community development department, but Albany took the reorganization one step further and added an emphasis on environmental resources, said Fields.

A former part-time planning technician position was converted into an Environmental Resources Assistant position, recently filled by Diamara Bach, formerly a recycling specialist in Ventura. She is expected to start May 8, said Fields.

Bach will be paid between \$35,000 and \$41,000 per year, plus benefits, to oversee such programs as recycling, tree planting and maintenance, urban creeks, storm drains, congestion management and transit alternatives.

Some of these programs were shared previously by employees in separate departments, others were in yet other city departments. A lot of the work was secondary to the employees' jobs, said Fields.

The increased emphasis on environmental issues at city hall is a response to more state and federal mandates for clean air and water and less garbage, said Fields. A state law passed in 1989 requires communities to cut their garbage by 25 percent this year, and by 50 percent by 2000. The Clean Water Act requires cities to reduce the pollutants, such as motor oil and

garden chemicals, that flow off streets and into the bay.

Even without the new Environmental Resources Assistant on the job yet, Fields said the city increased its focus on environmental issues during the new department.

"In the last three years, I don't believe we've applied for any grants. In the last three months, we've applied for six grants," said Fields.

One grant of \$33,000 has already been awarded for tree-planting and two more tree-planting grants have been submitted. The city also has two recycling grants: \$5,500 has been awarded for containers and information for recycling oil, and the other grant is to help residents with junk mail. The city also recently applied for a grant to create safe bikeways in Albany.

In addition to the environmental benefits department is expected to provide more service to residents, said Fields. The new department now open during lunch and phone calls answered by the secretary, rather than by the city administrator, through another department as done previously. The combined department won't allow one to point fingers at the other any more, he said.

Poinsett

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playground will be inscribed on a plaque to be installed on the clubhouse.

Neighbors spent a recent Saturday at the Grease Monkey selling drinks and muffins during a special fundraising effort. For every oil change on that day, the business donated \$5. The Friends group helped to publicize the event which generated a \$500 donation.

"We're interested in doing more partnerships with local businesses, like the one we did with Grease Monkey," said Neuman.

The Friends of Poinsett Park have taken a creative approach to corporate fundraising. They are offering sponsors the opportunity to buy specific components of the new playground. So far, it's been a successful campaign. Individual families are also participating.

The Mechanics Bank has purchased two posts for the play structure. El Cerrito city manager Gary Pokorney's family has purchased a third, Neuman's

family a fourth.

"We need more post people," said Neuman. "The structure has about 20 posts in it."

Chevron has purchased the "Challenge ladder," a horizontal ladder that's part of the structure. The Albany-El Cerrito Exchange club is donating the funding for a spring toy. The Genser family has purchased a double-wide slide.

Dr. Tom Foor, who owns the Dr. Foorpaws veterinary practice, has donated \$100 to the project. Eastbay Sanitary Service, which holds the city's garbage franchise, has donated \$500.

According to Neuman, the city will consider a major contribution to the effort.

"We've been working with Mori Struve (El Cerrito's maintenance and engineering services supervisor)," she said. "He's trying to designate \$10,000 of next year's budget for the playground."

Departmental budget requests were to be discussed

this week; some items will be trimmed down to a "wish list" to the actual budget requests to be sent to the city council. The council will be considering the budget beginning May 16.

Already, said Neuman, "the city has been very supportive," sending letters on behalf of the Friends organization, for example.

While it's exciting to think of the new playground that should result from all the hard work neighbors have invested, Neuman said there's another benefit to the project.

"The best part of it is the way (everyone) has come to know each other, feeling that (we're) a community," she said.

"Everyone just loves the park now. There's a sense of ownership before; they feel a sense of ownership. They didn't really feel before. It's bringing them together." Beyond that, she said, "it's been a great experience for me to recommend it to anyone."

Earth

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Two trees were planted in the grass at the Community Center pool in honor of Gans' and Shadi's contributions. Withereff organized the plantings, inviting the children who were present to shovel dirt into the holes and to continue visiting the center to see how the trees they helped plant are growing.

Those present at the ceremony had been attending a free BBQ lunch provided for all who had worked on Earth Day activities during the morning. A short program included the mayor's expressions of gratitude to the volunteers, presentation of certificates of appreciation to local businesses who have supported improvements at Poinsett Park (see accompanying article) and the tree planting.

Mostly, though, it was a time for celebration, with lots of food, good conversation, and live band music.

During the course of the morning, volunteers had worked hard all over the city cleaning up public areas and facilities.

At the Arlington Park, city council member Mae Ritz and her husband, Dick Ritz, joined council member Jane Bartke, Rich Bartke and two other residents in a cleanup of their own neighborhood park. Firefighters John Kelleher, Hugh Henderson and Dave Garrett also joined in the effort.

"We've seen all the briars there on our walks," said Dick Ritz. "This was my chance to cut 'em down."

Others worked on overgrown ivy.

"We actually found a pretty stone wall we didn't know was there," said Mae Ritz.

"We cleaned out a lot of stuff, and we had a great time," she said, adding, "there's still so much to do at the park."

Huber Park may be a little farther along, since an Adopt-a-Park group has been active there for about three years. It was founded by neighbors Vern and Joyce Odlin, who take great personal care of the park. Joyce Odlin enjoys working in its garden; Vern Odlin checks daily for graffiti and litter. ("People seem to have learned that if they put graffiti there, it won't stay for long," said Joyce. "We don't seem to be having any problems with that recently.")

Joyce Odlin reported that about 15 people attended the Earth Day cleanup; almost everyone was a repeat volunteer, since the Friends of Huber Park have twice-yearly workdays.

"The mayor also participated," she said. "So did Jon Bashor (chair of the city's Parks Commission). He's

been a real support ever since he moved into the neighborhood (from another section of El Cerrito)."

The timing of the Earth Day cleanup was very fortunate, said Odlin, in that damage from the winter storms had not yet been cleared.

"We raked a lot of leaves, cut back an oak tree whose branches had fallen, trimmed another," she said, adding that rocks and sand had also filled the garden area, where she and two other women spent the morning weeding. (The Odlins had personally removed the rocks from the overflow.) On Monday, Odlin returned to the park to plant some spring flowers.

Active Friends members Ken Von Hoff and Al Grammer also participated. Von Hoff brought an electric trimmer to attack wild grasses ("we're all concerned about fire hazard," said Odlin); Grammer, who built the bridge crossing the park's creek bed, worked with other volunteers to clear it.

At 89 years of age, Grammer may well have been one of the oldest Earth Day participants.

The neighbors won't just sit back and relax now.

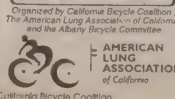
They plan a painting day to work on basketball playground equipment, a morning for beach cleanup, a no-work neighborhood picnic this summer, and also hope the city will contribute an "Earth Day bench" to the park in the near future.

"We were so impressed by the turnout at the Community Center," said Odlin, who has been at El Cerrito for many years. "It represents working all over the city. El Cerrito has a lot of (an event) like that; I think it's a good beginning to something like that to really get people involved, working together."

"We're hoping it continues."

According to Pokorney, the 300 volunteers spread out in every city park, most schools, which did their projects before spring break (coordinated with the city), and at businesses, who cleaned up their own properties at the suggestion of El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce. Crews also worked at city hall, the library, the senior center, and the BART station parking lots.

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What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

Don Dunning, CRB

Open houses

Since childhood, I have been motivated by how people relate to each other. I used to love observing commuters on the New York City subways. At a restaurant, I always sit facing outward to look at the crowd.

Another of my favorite people-reading spots is at an open house. Over the years, I have noticed that different agents have different styles of relating to people, as those who come to see the house. A lot can be learned about an agent by observing him or her at an open house. At the same time, an agent can learn much about the person visiting the open

at houses.

From an agent's point of view, there are two main reasons to hold open houses: 1) It is the agent's own listing, and holding the home open is part of the marketing process, and 2) open houses are one of the best sources for future clients.

As an agent at countless open houses, I have seen the many ways people respond to me, especially when they first walk in. My own style is to greet visitors with a warm smile and "hello." I then introduce myself. The communication, both verbal and nonverbal, that takes place during these first 10 to 20 seconds is amazing.

Some are open and friendly and offer their names in turn. Others will return the greeting, but do not volunteer their names. Then there are the ones who act as though I might have some contagious disease transmitted through verbal communication. Now, I know not everyone who walks through the door wants to talk to a Realtor, but

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Put on your hiking boots for the 400 Steps



Deborah O'Grady

Participants on the 400 Steps walk may choose between various kinds of walks — from a brisk aerobic workout to a whimsical story trail for families with kids 10 and under.

Event features diverse crew of walk leaders

Explore North Berkeley's paths and neighborhoods with naturalists, horticulturalists, urban ecologists, architects and local historians during Berkwood Hedge School's "400 Steps" urban hike on Sunday, April 30, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Hikers will meet at Cragmont Rock Park (at the intersection of Regal Road and Hildale Avenue) in Berkeley at any of the following times to enjoy the guided walk of their choice. Guided walks begin at 9 a.m. and leave every 20 minutes.

Walk leaders include:

9 a.m.: Phila Rogers, nature and garden writer, with work appearing in *Garden Design Magazine*, *Santa Barbara Magazine*, and elsewhere.

9:20 a.m.: Deborah O'Grady, photographer. Come prepared with your camera for this photography walk.

9:40 a.m.: Karen Burks, practicing architect and educator with a special interest in Bay Area design traditions.

10 a.m.: Rosalie Lamb, bodyworker. This walk will focus on body alignment work originated by Elsworth Todd.

10:20 a.m.: Pat O'Brian, landscape architect and educator.

10:40 a.m.: Shelby Sampson Hall, creek activist, cultural geographer, and co-author of *Guide to East Bay Creeks*.

11 a.m.: Elan Shapiro, eco-psy-

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This California Craftsman bungalow sits on a beautiful large corner lot in the El Cerrito hills with a four bridge view. Secluded from its neighbors, it's an urban oasis. The property features a one bedroom house and a 400 square foot studio apartment over a double garage.

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FEATURED HOME



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485 Grizzly Peak (2-4-30)	Berkeley	3bd/2+ba	\$549,500
475 Grizzly Peak (2-4-30)	Berkeley	4bd/3ba	\$355,000
1003 Sierra (2-4)	Berkeley	3bd/2.5ba	\$349,000
2430 10th St (2-4-30)	Berkeley	3bd/1ba	\$145,000
2029 Channing (1-4)	Berkeley	1&2bd	\$143K-\$169K
933 Addison #C (2-4-30)	Berkeley	2bd/1ba	\$254,000
2863 Sheldon Dr. (2-4)	El Sobrante	3+bd/2ba	\$325,000
40 Kensington Ct (2-4)	Kensington	3bd/2ba	\$379,000
194 - 10th Ave (2-5)	Oakland	5bd/2ba	\$175,000
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1511 Butte (2-4)	Richmond Annex	3bd/1ba	\$169,950

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Downslope lot in wonderful Berkeley neighborhood.	\$79,000
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Open

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why be rude? I often wonder why some people are like this.

This all leads me to the question: Is there anything wrong with an agent at an open house being friendly? I don't think so. It all comes down to a matter of communication. What if you already have a relationship with an agent? Simple. Tell the agent holding the open house, as soon as you enter, "I am working with so-and-so at XYZ Realty and just want to look around." Professional agents request their buyers to do this. The professional at an open house will respect the relationship.

Why might you be shopping for an agent? If you are out there looking to buy or sell a home without utilizing the services of a professional Realtor, you may be putting yourself and your investment at considerable risk. There is simply too much to know. You

need a competent, experienced agent on your side.

So, how do you find one? Ask your friends and co-workers if they know a top-notch agent in the area you are interested. If you cannot find an agent through recommen-

some time to look at the home unhindered? Does the agent seem interested or bored? Does the agent offer help without being overbearing? Does the agent seem like someone you would like to talk with if you met at a party? Or, is

An open house, like the real estate business itself, is not only about houses. It is also about people, about how we treat and relate to one another. Those visiting open houses have no obligation except to be polite and considerate. Real estate agents have the exact same obligation. Top producers in real estate are successful because, among other things, they have an ability to form positive, long-term relationships.

Open houses are a wonderful way of educating yourself about what is on the market and how much sellers are asking. They can also be your opportunity to find an agent with whom you are truly comfortable.

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ditions, or if you were not impressed with those referred to you, open houses are a great alternative.

Whether you are a buyer or seller, pay attention to how the agent at the open house relates to you and to other arrivals. Is he or she warm and friendly, or curt and aloof? Does the agent allow you

this someone you would avoid? Before you leave, does the agent offer to work with you?

Remember: there may be a fine line between being assertive and "pushy," but only those agents who are aggressive enough to ask for your business will be aggressive enough to help you successfully buy or sell.

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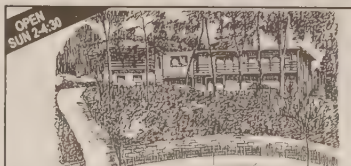
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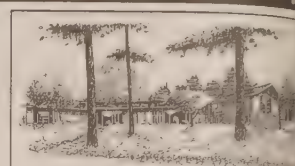
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PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

REDWOOD HTS RANCH \$199,000
Great flr plan in split ML, lg fam room. L shaped LR for entertaining, adjoining DN area, spac fam rm w/frpls, eat-in kit w/DK, MB w/bth, wonderful neighborhood.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



Seniors' exhibit: 'Visible Lives'

St. Mary's Center invites the community to experience, "Visible Lives," an exhibition of masks and photographs by homeless and formerly homeless seniors. Invisible to many, these elders portray their lives and vibrant memories of youth and wisdom of their years. Their tales convey courage and hope for the better. Workshops held at St. Mary's Center in downtown Oakland were led by Oakland artist Mary Martin and storyteller Ellen along with volunteers from St. Mary's Center.

The "Visible Lives" public art project was supported by the Cultural Affairs Commission and funded by the Oakland Redevelopment Agency of the City of Oakland. The exhibition will run May 4 to Aug. 4 at St. Mary's Center, Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sundays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A public reception will be held Thursday May 4, 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Center is located at 635 22nd St. at San Pablo Avenue. Call Susan Werner at 893-4723 for more information.

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Resolution Trust Corp. going out of business

By H.W. Moss

The Resolution Trust Corporation, the government entity charged with seizing and selling off assets in the wake of the savings and loan bailout, is going out of business.

The entire agency employs roughly 5,500 people in seven locations across the country. All offices fold up their tents and transfer whatever remaining assets they have to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) on Dec. 31.

"Some people are going into the private sector, some may retire, many are going to the FDIC," said Mike Fulwider, an RTC spokesperson in Washington who has not yet decided where he will land.

Felisa Neuringer, a public rela-

tions spokeswoman for the RTC, had only three more hours to go on the job last Friday. She said she was going into public affairs for the Peace Corps.

The RTC close-down comes one year earlier than originally planned and is the result of The Resolution Trust Corporation Completion Act signed by President Clinton in December, 1993.

The RTC's Denver office will shut its doors at the end of this month. The rest, including the Newport Beach field office and RTC headquarters in Washington, D.C., are already preparing for the end of the year.

At that time the FDIC will inherit approximately \$10 billion worth of property, many of the

RTC's personnel as well as any administrative and legal issues that might be hanging around.

The RTC currently holds seized assets worth approximately \$24 billion in book value. Book value is the amount the asset was valued at by the institution taken over by the RTC. Recovery value can be quite different from book value.

Many of these assets are loans, not all of which are non-performing, and approximately 10 percent of the portfolio is real estate owned.

Unfortunately, this property is considered to be bottom of the barrel and difficult to sell. Most of it is raw land, according to Fulwider, that is environmentally impaired or is special resource land on which live an endangered species.

The final recovery value remains unknown.

It has been a bumpy ride for the RTC which was mandated into existence by the Financial Institution Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act (FIRREA) in 1989.

Several times the agency went to the public trough to ask for more money to save depositors' funds at failed institutions after the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC) went bankrupt.

In all, the RTC received a total of \$105 billion in congressionally appropriated funds.

"As of the end of '93, we spent approximately \$89 billion to protect insured deposits at failed savings institutions," said Fulwider. See BUSINESS, page 21



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Frank Arthur joins Grubb & Ellis

Frank Arthur, a real estate professional, has joined Grubb & Ellis Company's office as an office properties specialist, announced Richard A. Larsen, senior vice president and district manager.

Arthur has 20 years of real estate experience. Most recently he was the principal of the Arthur Company, specializing in consulting and brokerage services to commercial and retail clients.

Prior to forming the Arthur Company in 1992, Arthur was affiliated with the City Center Project in Oakland for more than 10 years, most recently as vice president of Bramalea Pacific, Inc. During his career, he has been involved in the development and leasing of some 2,000,000 square feet of commercial property.

Arthur holds a California Real Estate Brokers License, and has received the Certified Shopping Center Management (CSM) designation from the International



Frank Arthur

Council of Shopping Centers.

Arthur holds a bachelor of administration degree from San Francisco State University. He resides in Oakland with his wife, Eileen, and two sons, Kevin and Scott.

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Steps

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chologist, naturalist, and educator. This walk will enhance your appreciation of the natural world.

11:20 a.m.: Mark Wilson, architectural historian, educator and author of *East Bay Heritage* and *A Living Legacy: A Guide to Historic Architecture of the East Bay*.

11:40 a.m.: Sharon Entwistle, architectural historian and member of the Berkeley Architectural Historical Association.

Noon: Natural disaster walk focuses on the evidence of past seismicological activity along the route.

12:20 p.m.: Richard Fernau, award-winning architect and Professor of Architecture at UC-Berkeley.

12:40 p.m.: Frank Graetch, horticulturist and landscape contractor.

1 p.m.: Stephen Artschuler, nature writer and author of *Hidden Walks in the Bay Area*, *More Hidden Walks in the Bay Area*, and *Sacred Paths and Muddy Places: Rediscovering Spirit in Nature*.

1:20 p.m.: Shelby Sampson Hall, creek activist, cultural geographer and co-author of *Guide to East Bay Creeks*.

1:40 p.m. Ernie Wasson, horticulturist with Berkeley Horticultural Nursery.

Guided walks are limited to the first 20 participants. Hikers may walk as often as they like, using a map and walking notes. Expect to spend about 1-1/2 hours on the 400 Steps.

This year the 400 Steps is also introducing a special self-guided story walk for families with children age 10 and younger. Equipped with an activity booklet to guide you along the path and a glue stick to save your discoveries, this walk explores the natural wonders of the story trail through the eyes of Winnie the Pooh and Christopher Robin.

Story trail tickets are \$15 per family. As a special offer, participants may purchase a family ticket for the story walk and one adult ticket for the 400 Steps for \$25.

The 1995 400 Steps walk begins at Cragmont Rock Park. Out of Berkeley's 52 parks this little-known gem has some of the most spectacular views and lush green space. It is a popular wedding site. The park is tucked away above Euclid (a scant block-and-a-half

south of Marin). A.C. Transit bus no. 65 stops at the foot of the park at Euclid and Easter Way Path.

When the 400-acre Cragmont subdivision opened in 1907, the developer predicted a "park dotted with homes." Neighborhood residents bought the land in 1920 from the original developers, the Cragmont Land Company, and sold it to the city at cost for the purpose of creating a park. The dressing rooms and pergola were built over the next two years.

In 1932, Dick Leonard (the "father of technical building") formed Cragmont Climbing Club. Leonard planted the first technical rock climb in Yosemite in 1934, using techniques he learned climbing Cragmont Rock.

From Cragmont Rock Park, hikers will proceed up Pinnacle Path to Remillard Park. Informally known as Pinnacle park for the large rock found there, Remillard Park was donated in 1964 by the Countess Lillian Remillard Dandini Di Cesena. The only stipulation was that the park be named for her late father — Peter Nicholas Remillard, who after arriving in Oakland from Montreal in 1854, made millions in the brick business before his death in 1904.

The countess remembered visiting the rock as a small child but had forgotten she owned the property until approached by city officials. The donation was made for amnesty on back taxes on other Berkeley property she owned.

The playground at Remillard was developed and created by community members in 1974. In fact, in 1975, it received the California Park and Recreation Society's District III Park Facility Citation for neighborhood participation in design concepts and volunteer labor.

At the eastern end of the path is a quiet, hidden canyon of native plants. Hikers will find a variety of native plants, including some that show the power of the land. Wear your hiking shoes, several of dirt, or mud. There is a diversity in architecture this year's route — and John Hudson Berkeley's first with some concrete from the late '70s.

Tax-deductible 400 Steps are \$15 per person. A map and walking drench under 12 walks may be purchased or on the day of the event. Proceeds benefit Remillard School's School Fund.

With each adult 400 Steps, walkers receive one raffle ticket at the end of the walk. Additional raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1 each. Prizes include a handmade quilt in June, a night's stay at the Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco, and gift certificates to Moe's Books, Black & White, and other prizes.

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Skylight, parking, big yard. Owner financing. Reduced to \$101,000. BILL GRIMASON 849-3711, 273-9321

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- BE LIVING IN THE COUNTRY** \$375,000
This is on 1/4 acre - exceptionally special. Gorgeous master suite, fam rm, gourmet kit. 4BR, 2.5BA, oversized garage, spa & more. MARY GRAY 527-9800, 869-4470
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Business

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who added that 1994 financials are not out yet. Fulwider said that 25 million accounts worth \$220 billion were protected by the RTC.

Initially hounded by accusations of being impossible to deal with, of being slow and unreasonable when negotiating with real estate professionals as well as being buried in layers of bureaucracy, the agency was able to turn itself around and fulfill its mandate.

Under the directorship of former CEO Al Casey, the RTC made itself and its property accessible throughout the country by publicizing 800 numbers, providing lists of assets via computerized hotlines and selling those assets in innovative ways such as through portfolio sales, auctions and sealed bid events.

"We've been assigned 745 failed thrifts," said Fulwider. "We've resolved all of them, the last being Carteret, FSB, in Madison, N.J., which was disposed of March 10."

Asset sales and collections totaled more than \$385 billion as of January this year, according to

Fulwider. He said the agency has had a book value recovery rate of about 88 percent.

Two years ago the agency had a 92 percent return of book value.

Among its acquisitions was the John Mulholland Library of Conjuring and Allied Arts which included original Edison cylinders, the only known recordings of Houdini's voice. The collection was sold to illusionist David Copperfield. "What is left over are harder to sell assets, things that won't give the same book value return," said Fulwider.

So far this year the RTC has had to intervene in only two failed institutions. Encino Savings Bank, a \$95 million asset institution, was acquired by American Savings Bank. And Cornerstone Bank in Mission Viejo, a \$47 million asset institution, was sold to California Federal Bank in Los Angeles.

"The personnel feel good about what they have accomplished," Fulwider said.

H.W. Moss is a Realtor and freelance writer.

A southern flavor to this Saturday's dinner and auction

The Linda Beach Cooperative Preschool will host a Mardi Gras Auction and Raffle on Saturday, April 29, from 6 to 10 p.m., at the Veterans' Memorial Building, 401 Highland Ave.

The evening's events are underwritten by The GRUBB Co., Mason-McDuffie Real Estate, and Movie Express. Over 200 local businesses have donated to the live and silent auction, and raffle.

There is something for everyone — a trip to Disneyland including two round-trip tickets from Southwest Airlines, two nights in San Francisco at the Parc Fifty Five, dinner for two at Bay Wolf and Tommy Toy's Haute Cuisine Chinoise, a Sonoma Wine Country Inn and Napa Valley Wine Train package, a custom-made doll house, a Pleasant Company doll, shopping at Jambalaya and Ovation, symphony and theatre tickets, and much more.

Raffle prizes include a one-night stay at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco, a one-night stay at the Clarion Suites - Lake Merritt Hotel with tickets to any Paramount Theatre performance, and four \$25 United Airlines gift certificates.

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- 708 GRIZZLY TERRACE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2+BA.....\$579,000
New listing! Gorgeous new home fam rm, den, frml DR. Wendy Gardner
- 6848 ARMOUR DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$495,000
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Kit/fam rm, deck, au pair wsep entry, landscaped yard. Rosalie Woods
- 5573 HARBOUR DRIVE, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2BA.....\$369,000
Large rooms, level yard, patio, Hillcrest school. Helen Danhak 547-5750
- 2 SELKIRK, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/2+BA.....\$359,000
Decorated! Gorgeous English, privacy, deck, park-like yd. Dee Knowland
- 4071 OAKMORE ROAD, OAKMORE - 3BD/2+BA.....\$359,000
Immaculate Tudor, family rm, 2 lg decks, wooded setting. Michelle Miller
- 6081 SNAKE ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3+BA.....\$339,000
Reduced! Bay views from all rms, deck, 2 mst stes, au pair. Ann Nichols
- 85-85-1/2 LINDA, PIEDMONT AVENUE DUPLEX.....\$339,000
All new, ea. unit 2BD/2BA, gourmet kit's, very charming! Connie Rogers
- 6606 EVERGREEN AVENUE, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/2+BA.....\$329,000
New listing! Tastefully decorated, great setting w/in views. Dick Cohen
- 1427 BARROWS RD, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 4BD/2BA.....\$329,000
New listing! Maxwell tract, updated kit, level-out back yard. Wyn Stephens
- 5653 MAXWELL, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 2+BD/2+BA.....\$329,000
Updated kit, spacious rooms, large priv. back garden. Dee Dee Bonham
- 4490 OAK HILL ROAD, SEQUOYAH HILLS - 3BD/3+BA.....\$329,000
Open and airy yet private, all level lot, two plus rooms. Thomas Wurst
- 805 SANTA RAY, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 4+BD/2BA.....\$329,000
Reduced! charming Tudor, newer kit, mst sta, lg yd. Charlene Claybaugh
- 7149 THORNHILL DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$327,000
New exterior paint, new roof, fabulous canyon view, deck. Chuck Corwin
- 4101 39TH AVENUE, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/3BA.....\$315,000
Remodeled throughout, bay view, yd, custom everything! Joe Knowland
- 6847 GUNN DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/1BA.....\$285,000
Fern garden setting, charming, romantic hideaway, deck. Donna Costella
- 7612 SURREY LANE, OAKLAND HILLS - 4BD/3BA.....\$279,900
New listing! Previous model home, au pair, Indscpd. Georgia Richardson
- 6140 ASPENWALL ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/1BA.....\$272,000
Reduced! Priv. sunny, move-in cond, remodeled bath, yard. Rich Gould
- 2362 MARIN AVENUE, BERKELEY - 2BD/1BA.....\$255,000
A true delight! Kitchen/family rm, formal dining, fireplace. Joanna Gould
- 5727 BALBOA DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$237,000
Unique design, private setting, formal DR, excellent cond. Ann Nichols
- 4014 ASPEN PLACE, LAUREL - 2BD/1BA.....\$216,000
Large bright bungalow on cul-de-sac, great plus room. Vicki Woodhead
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Darling starter! Eat-in kitchen, formal DR, updated bath, yard. Joan Dark
- 73 IRONWOOD, OAKLAND HILLS - 2BD/1BA.....\$219,000
SF view! Updated, all level end unit townhouse, fam room, Robyn Mohr
- 3888 COOLIDGE AVENUE, LAUREL - 2BD/1BA.....\$199,000
Enchanted gardens, bright bungalow, hwd flrs, yard. Claudia Ellinghaus
- 4048 EVERETT AVENUE, GLENVIEW - 2BD/1+BA.....\$179,000
Light, airy condo in 4-unit building, new paint and carpets. Teri Carlisle
- 2726 MADELINE STREET, LAUREL - 2BD/1BA.....\$169,000
Charming sunny bungalow, updated kit, priv. back yard. Vicki Woodhead
- 190 MONTECITO #107, ADAMS PT. - 2BD/2BA.....\$129,000
Light, bright condo, pretty outlook, redone lobby. Claudia Ellinghaus

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- BEAUTIFUL PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL.....\$1,950,000
Designed by Clarence Mayhew. 6BD/5+BA, library, fam rm, rec rm, gardens, patios, decks & pool. Sally Morrison/Dee Dee Bonham
- PIEDMONT MEDITERRANEAN.....\$739,000
Rich architectural detail. 5BD/2+BA, 2 extra rms on main level, walk to Piedmont schools, workshop, garden. Helen Danhak 547-5750
- PRIVATE SETTING - PIEDMONT.....\$629,000
Beautifully decorated traditional in pristine condition. 4BD/3BA, gourmet kitchen/family room, well landscaped. Martha Holstlaw
- PRESTIGIOUS CLAREMONT PINES.....\$599,000
Classic traditional with bay views. 4BD/3+BA, kit/library opens to private gardens. Walk to College Ave. & BART. Brooks Anderson
- DESIRABLE GLENVIEW LOCATION.....\$428,000
Remodeled tract on Piedmont border. Over 3500 sq ft, bay views, 5BD/3BA, library, & secluded garden area. Wendy Gardner
- UPPER ROCKRIDGE MEDITERRANEAN.....\$425,000
Sunny home w/marble entry, 3BD/3BA, master w/surround-sound, plantation shutters throughout, low maint garden. Wendy Gardner
- KNOCK OUT VIEW - MONTCLAIR.....\$419,000
Cape Cod charm in excellent neighborhood. 4BD/2+BA, hwd floors, level-out back yard, one-car garage. Chuck Corwin
- COMMANDING VIEWS - RIDGEMONT.....\$408,000
Reduced! Private courtyard entry, cul-de-sac, 3BD/2+BA, family rm off kitchen, great outdoor space, over 1/2 acre. Robyn Mohr
- GRACIOUS TRADITIONAL - GLENVIEW.....\$399,000
Sun-filled 3BD/2+BA home w/modern conveniences. Gourmet eat-in kit, plus rm, expansive decks & beautiful yard. Sandi Klemmer
- SPECTACULAR BAY VIEW.....\$395,000
Custom built home with spacious, flexible floor plan. 2+BD/2BA, large wrap around decks, workshop, 2-car garage. Francis Heath
- MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY.....\$359,000
Multi-level design for easy living & entertaining. 4BD/3BA, dramatic LR, ideal au pair, luxurious master suite. Georgia Richardson
- PANORAMIC 4-BRIDGE VIEW.....\$359,000
Immac. 4BD/3BA home surrounded by parklands for max. privacy. Updated kit, fam rm, gorgeous garden, deck. Donna Costella
- SELLER WILL FINANCE - ROCKRIDGE.....\$349,500
All level, impeccably maintained. 4BD/2+BA, updated kit/baths, fam rm, huge deck, possible lease option. Charlene Claybaugh
- PARKRIDGE ESTATES CAPE COD.....\$319,000
Charming 3BD/2BA home on huge corner lot. Remodeled kit/bath, family room, formal DR, yard, separate workshop. Vicki Woodhead
- LEVEL IN CHARM - MONTCLAIR.....\$310,000
Open beam ceiling in LR, fabulous remodel. kit w/granite counters, hwd flrs, 3BD/1+BA, fence fenced yard w/hot tub. Chuck Corwin
- PARKRIDGE ESTATES.....\$309,000
Very charming, all level 3BD/2+BA home with landscaped yard & tree outlook, family room off kit, hwd floors, Vicki Woodhead
- PIEDMONT PINES COTTAGE.....\$299,950
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- PARKRIDGE ESTATES CONTEMPORARY.....\$299,000
This 3BD/2BA home is in move-in condition. Remodeled kit, large family room, over 1/4 acre, park-like back yard. Vicki Woodhead
- INVITING LAKESHORE TRADITIONAL.....\$289,000
Handsome LR, formal DR, remodeled kit, 3BD/2BA, office, redwood deck w/hot tub, lg fenced back garden. Brooks Anderson
- DESIRABLE REDWOOD LOCATION.....\$285,000
Lovely traditional on quiet cul-de-sac. 3BD/1+BA, beaut. brick frpl, absolutely fab patio & manicured back yard. Dee Knowland
- EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD.....\$259,000
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- GREAT MONTCLAIR STARTER.....\$219,000
Quiet, park-like location, large updated kitchen adjoins family/dining rm, new carpets, 2BD/1BA plus bonus room. Bill Weissberg
- FIRST TIME BUYER'S DREAM.....\$159,000
Wonderful large lot, hardwood floors, 2BD/1BA, two plus rooms, large eat-in kitchen, oversized one-car garage. Thomas Wurst



Top Five

The Oakland office of Grubb & Ellis has announced its top five producers of 1994, according to Richard A. Larsen (standing, center), district manager for the Oakland/Alameda County Region. Honorees include Piedmont resident Jeffrey S. Weil (back row, left), senior vice president, senior marketing consultant, Top Office Division Salesperson; Paul F. Mueller (back row, right), Industrial Division Salesperson and a resident of Lafayette; San Francisco resident Gareth L. Fracchia (front row, left), senior marketing consultant, Industrial Division Salesperson; and Dwight T. Swobe (front row, right), senior marketing consultant, Top Salesperson for 1994 and Top Industrial Salesperson. Swobe is also a resident of Lafayette. (Not present in photograph: Berkeley resident Jack H. Gaskins, Top Retail Salesperson.)

FOR SALE Beautiful Rockridge Craftsman For Sale
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EXQUISITE BAY VIEWS: MARION SCHWARTZ \$1,275,000
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PRESTIGIOUS PIEDMONT: ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY NEW PRICE! \$995,000
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ELEGANT: JEAN SIMMONS \$949,500
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 Immaculate English Tudor on nearly 1/3 acre. Private, mature gardens. Exquisite wood detail.
GRACIOUS TUDOR: ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY/DGRUBB JR \$879,500
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If you can see what the sellers did not, your choices will be ever so much broader. This can simply mean learning to look beyond all

the things inside a house. Think about the last time you saw a typical teenager's room, instantly recognizable, with posters on the walls, chinning bar in the doorway, stuff everywhere. The room probably looks better than it did before the house was put on the market — the mother saw to that — but it is still such a jumble, there are so many things to catch your eye, that maybe you just turned away.

You can teach yourself to look at that room in another way if you try. This is the art of visually subtracting. Stand quietly and look. Imagine the room empty. Think about the light in the room. Pretend the windows are bare. What is the floor like? The walls and the window and door casings? What if this room were painted softest

yellow.

You get the idea. You need to practice. You glide through houses on through without overcome by the attractive details. You think you do it, but you think, sort out.

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2991 HOLYROOD. Price reduction! Airt 5BR, 3+BA, pvt contemporary home. Nestled in Piedmont Pines. Cheryl Elliott 638-7809 MLS 037198

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Real Estate Mailbox

The real story

Editor:

I am writing to comment on the article in the Real Estate section (April 6), about the remarkable house at 1076 59th St. in Oakland. I hope your readers will drive by and admire it. And as you do, think about the low-income people who were forced to move out to make the "piece of real estate" available.

You see, in the profile about the former commune that lived there, there was no mention of the fact that the house was originally purchased in the '70s

to provide affordable housing for low-income people. Many were able to take advantage of that opportunity, including those who lived there until very recently. Those still living there did not want to sell the house, but they were overruled by former residents, many of whom are no longer low-income and seemed to have lost sight of their original values.

So perhaps the real story was about how the idealistic commune of the '70s became the gold mine of the '90s.

Rick Lewis

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formed with false fronts made of lattice painted white. The result is clean, crisp lines with a forever-in-style feel. Would such a thing work on this house?

Sometimes houses have been mucked up by remodeling. Someone has installed a large aluminum slider window in a most prominent spot? Think. Windows can be replaced. That unattractive window in the living room can be wooden again, can be divided in any pattern, the parts can swing open.

You're going to need to get prices for your ideas. You may want to get design advice too. These can be had. All I want to do is make you more aware, get you to think while you look instead of floating through houses waiting for the one that captures you entirely.

There are so many elements to consider when choosing a house to buy. Your brain will be very busy considering them all. But if you

will try to add the ability to see what can fairly easily be removed and what can be added, you will have a fantastic advantage over other buyers.

I do not want to talk you into taking on something major here. Few people should buy a house that is sliding down a hill and maybe you do not want to do over a kitchen either. I am talking about houses that have been personalized by their owners — owners whose taste is not yours — owners who didn't rent a storage space for half their things, who maybe didn't paint or clean or mow. Some of these houses are really good houses.

So prep yourself. Look at home magazines. Start thinking about the kinds of things that can be done to a house. Some are big and expensive, but many are not. You may not know, for instance, never having had occasion to learn this, that hardwood floor people can work miracles. It is perfectly possible and not terribly expensive to remove a stained section of wood flooring and replace it so it looks exactly as

it should. Or, in fact, to add a wood floor where one does not now exist.

Even replacing that short bearing wall between the kitchen and breakfast room is not too bad. The contractor will put in a beam to support the weight. You will have to contend with patching the plaster and providing for flooring where the wall once stood, but these are not impossible.

When you do see those few "model homes," notice what makes them so appealing. What exactly has been done? Chances are that much of what you are finding so pleasing is one or all of these: clean, spare and white. Can you provide these in another house without going crazy in the process? Is the other house located where you'd really like to be? Is it cheaper?

You can win big by seeing better.

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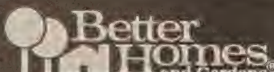
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This is the fourth year in a row that McRae has received the honor, and her ninth year in the Mason-McDuffie President's Club, which includes the top 5 percent of the company's agents, making her a lifetime member in the club.

McRae operates out of the Berkeley/Claremont office which she helped open a year ago.

According to McRae, "I credit my success to five things: 14-hour days, a true love of real estate, recommendations from my past clients, the invention of the car phone, and my husband's support."

She also notes that being with Mason-McDuffie, which has such a rich and solid heritage in the area, gives credibility to her and invaluable support to all of the properties she represents.

In acknowledging McRae, Cobo said, "Bebe is truly special. She is a pleasure to know and to do business with. She's somebody who is ready to take charge of the entire transaction, yet she is always sensitive to her client's individual needs."

In the past three years, Mason-McDuffie has added 28 offices and more than 900 sales associates.

Said Cobo, "The growth of our company is a direct result of the high level of service that our agents are providing to our buyers and sellers. Bebe McRae epitomizes what Mason-McDuffie is all about."



A. David Cobo presents a commemorative bowl to Bebe McRae.

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Tours, walks and lecture on history and rebirth of fire

The Oakland/Berkeley Hills are alive and thriving. This once-historic community, leveled by the 1991 fire, is coming back to life and building an exciting new architectural history. Unconstrained by existing walls, architects have unleashed their creativity giving birth to some unusual and diverse new homes.

The College Preparatory School, nestled in the heart of the fire area, is celebrating the community's rebirth with its annual New Neighborhoods House Tour and Raffle.

On Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, 12 new homes will be open for touring between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The houses range from traditional to exotic, including a *Builders Magazine* award winner.

Some of the more unusual design features are an indoor stream and cylindrical garden, reflecting pond and two-story atrium. One house has few interior right angles and custom-made furniture to match. Another has six levels, each with outside access.

Six houses will be open daily. Children under 12 are not admitted. Daily admission includes lunch. Group rates available.

On Sunday, May 21, Altschuler, author of *Walks in the Bay Area*, will lead two one-hour walks through the fire area, focusing on the history of the area, including the public fire. The walks, scheduled at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., will end at the College Preparatory School, 6100 Broadway. Groups are limited to 15 people. Reservations are recommended. The cost is \$12.

On Thursday, May 18, p.m., noted Oakland historian, nifer Katz will give a slide show entitled "The Rebirth of Modest Bungalow in Victorian Rockridge" in Victorian Rockridge. The show will be held at the Oakland Public Library, 1500 Broadway. Tickets are \$12. See TOURS.

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2467 BURLINGTON ST, Lincoln Hts 4+bd/2ba, Garden, View Better Homes 339-4000

3870 BRIGHTON AVE, Old World Charm, Spacious 4/2+2, Den Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfelner 339-1174

4665 SAN SEBASTIAN, Glenview 3/2, Updtd Kit/Baths, Nu Deck The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400

797 MANDANA, Crocker Classic 4+2 Trad! Ofc/AuPair, Patio/Gdn The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400

4452 EVANS, Sunny Gourmet Kitchen! Bkfst Nook, Bd w/Deck Wells & Bennett, Susie Lipps 531-7000 MLS 037572

6847 GUNN DR, Montclair 2/1 Hideaway, Fern Gdn, Grt Deck Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460

7612 SURREY LN, Previous Model Home 4/3 w/AuPair, Undeveloped Pacific Union, Georgia Richardson 339-6460

2825 KITCHENER CT, Lincoln Hts 2/1+, Pvt Setting/Yard/View Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860

1023 EVERETT, Glenview 3+bd/1+ba, 1st Open, Trad w/Studio Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, J. Garcia 869-4211

6189 VALLEY VIEW, Montclair 2+bd/1ba, 1st Open! Lvl Lot Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 339-4000

6939 PASO ROBLES DR, Serene Wooded Setting, 3/2+2, 2 Frpl, Coldwell Banker, Judy Rankankan 339-1174

5440 MANILA, Rockridge 3bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Sally Hendrickson 486-1495

1631 VISTA, Glenview Duplex, 3bd Owners + 1/1 Down Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, A. Ho 869-4420

2454 WILBUR, 1st Open! Expanded 4+bd/3ba, Charm!! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, C. Boze 869-4203

3044 WISCONSIN, Redwd Hts 3bd/2ba Domestic & Recreationa Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860

6140 ASPINWALL RD, Montclair 3/1, Reduced! Pvt/Sunny/Move In! Better Union, Rich Gould 339-6460

2 VAN CLEAVE WAY, Crestmont 4bd/2+ba, Family Rm, Lvl Yd Better Homes, Thom Bennett 531-0800

4628 STAUFFER PL, 3bd/2ba Sun-Filled Ranch Home, Level Yd Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Judy Farrell 450-0631

4637 FIELDBROOK, Redwd Hts 2+bd/1+ba Sunny Trad, Nice Yd Better Homes, Nancy Donnelly 339-8400

1289 BATES, Charming Starter, Crocker 3+bd/1b, Rec Rm, Gdn The GRUBB Company, John Kamay 339-0400

4343 EVANS AVE, Sweet Glenview Updtd Spacious 2/2, Ong Decor Coldwell Banker, Jack Brennmann 339-1174

5046 PIERPOINT AVE, Joaquin Mlr Hts 3/2, Lovely Court, Move In Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Patsy Buhler 287-5910

425 TAURUS AVE, Montclair 2 1/2 Just Listed! Remod, Lg Pvt Yd Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400

5216 DESMOND ST, Rockridge Bungalow 2 1/1, Frpl, Fmrl Entry Investment House Realty 527-8777

5516 MANILA, Rockridge Crtfsmn, 2bd/1ba Exc. Condition!! Valva Realty, Michael Valva 451-7317 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

9 EL CARMELO CT, Redwd Hts Charming Spl Lvl 3/1+ Trad, Deck Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174

6448 LONGCROFT DR, Charming Montclair 3/2, Lvl, Hdwd, Nu Klt The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 Units, 2bd w/frpl up & 1bd down Owner 834-8768 OPEN SUNDAY 12-4 & MONDAY 11-5

4374 NORTON, Redwd Hts, Move In Condition! 3/2, Poss In Law Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 530-8211 MLS 037165

6660 HEARTWOOD, Charming Montclair 2bd/1ba, 2 Car Garage The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

4138 GREENWOOD, Glenview 4bd/2ba, Great House and Area Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, J. Resor 869-4243

846 ALMA PL, Crocker 3/1+ Traditional, Reduced! Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, T. Fardella 869-4263

3848 14TH AVE, 2bd/1ba PRINCIPALS ONLY, Owner Will Finance Realty World, M. Godanis 482-0356 OPEN SATURDAY 1-3

4156 MONTGOMERY ST, NewPrice! Charm, 3/2, Rec Rm, Lvl Gdn The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

5727 BALBOA DR, Montclair Unique Design, 3/2, Fmrl DR, Pvt Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

3334 GUIDO, Vacant 3/2 Exc Fir Plan, Lg Fam Rm, Priced to Sell Mason-McDuffie, Shirley Covington 834-2010

114 ENTRADA, Pied Ave Area 2+bd, Eat-In Kit, Frpl, Fmrl DR, Yd Wells & Bennett, Lee Jacobson 654-5161 MLS

4600 STAUFFER PL, Redwood Heights 3+bd/2ba Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Adrienne Nash 763-4060

3948 CANON AVE, Glenview New 2bd, Creek/Frpl/Hrdwds Agent 436-5759

4567 ELINORA AVE, Redwd Hts 2+bd/2ba, Fam Rm, Lvl Yd Better Homes, Maria Sinclair 287-9596

4014 ASPEN PL, Laurel Large 2/1 Bungalow on Cul-de-sac Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

2074 DRAKE DR, Montclair, Quiet Setting, 3/1+2, Frpl, Courtyd The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

4357 MONTGOMERY, Darling 2+1 Starter, Fmrl DR, Updtd Bath Pacific Union, Joan Kate 339-6460

To place a listing in the Open Home Guide, please call 339-4046.

DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Area Home Sales

ALAMEDA	EMERYVILLE
Admiralty Lane - \$199,000	1088 63rd St. - \$133,000
Beach Rd. - \$648,000	
Page St. - \$174,000	OAKLAND
San Antonio Ave. - \$352,000	95 Alvarado Rd. - \$365,000
Shorepoint Ct. #318 - \$129,000	5719 Amy Dr. - \$329,000
Solomon Lane - \$208,000	6426 Benvenue Ave. - \$363,000
Versailles Ave. - \$202,000	3120 Birdsall Ave. - \$154,500
Washington St. - \$225,000	5340 Broadway Terrace #508 - \$245,000
ALBANY	2916 Brookdale Ave. - \$151,500
Key Route Blvd. - \$175,000	3401 Dakota St. - \$145,000
Masonic Ave. - \$267,500	9954 East St. - \$115,000
Tevin St. - \$330,000	65 Edgemont Way - \$300,000
BERKELEY	2575 El Caminito - \$218,500
Creston Rd. - \$285,000	362 Hanover Ave. - \$188,000
Curtis St. - \$189,000	5840 Heron Dr. - \$595,000
Hearst Ave. - \$238,000	668 Hillgirt Circle - \$162,500
Martin Luther King Jr. - \$155,000	8512 Holly St. - \$176,500
Prince St. - \$145,000	1368 Holman Rd. - \$222,000
Prince St. - \$215,000	274 Jayne Ave. - \$279,000
Sacramento St. - \$175,000	185 Kimberlin Heights Dr. - \$273,000
Spurce St. - \$190,000	6015 La Salle Ave. - \$273,500
EL CERRITO	320 Lee St. #1001 - \$170,000
Berrett St. - \$235,000	7439 Lockwood St. - \$173,000
Pinehurst Ct. - \$272,500	4433 Montgomery St. - \$212,000
EL SOBRANTE	5891 Morpeth St. - \$325,000
Circle Dr. - \$295,000	3228 Park Blvd. - \$156,000
	7141 Pinchaven Rd. - \$113,500
	797 Rosemount Rd. - \$349,000
	133 Sequoyah View Dr. - \$299,000

675 South Elmhurst Ave. - \$120,000
6874 Sunkist Dr. - \$145,000
3026 Suter St. - \$103,000
5915 Thornhill Dr. - \$168,000

PIEDMONT

160 Olive Ave. - \$275,000
100 Woodland Way - \$1,060,000

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$129,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$648,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$267,125

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$175,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$330,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$257,500

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$145,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$285,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$199,000

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$235,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$272,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$253,750

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$295,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$133,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 30
LOWEST PRICE: \$103,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$595,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$229,650

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$275,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,060,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$667,500

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New video for seniors shows ways to manage home equity

A new videotape for senior homeowners introduces "HouseMoney," a reverse mortgage plan that provides monthly income based on the equity in the home.

The video shows how seniors can use HouseMoney to meet financial and lifestyle needs. HouseMoney plans are designed for people age 65 and over who have a home valued at \$75,000 or more.

These plans are currently offered by Transamerica HomeFirst in California, Connecticut, Florida, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Seniors interested in obtaining a free copy of the 14-minute video should call Transamerica HomeFirst at (800) 538-5569.

Transamerica HomeFirst is a unit of Transamerica Finance Group, the finance arm of Transamerica Corporation, one of the nation's largest financial service companies.

Tours

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Rockridge, once home to many California notables, is reflected through its architecture. Admission is free but reservations are necessary.

On the days of the tour, the American Institute of Architects, East Bay, will bring its exhibit of award-winning Firestorm home

designs to the school campus. Representatives from the Oakland Fire Department also will be on hand to provide community fire prevention information.

For reservations or information call 652-6829.

Tickets also can be purchased at the College Preparatory School on tour days.

Real Estate Section Direct Line: 339-4047

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

WARLOW , Sheffield Village Charming 2 1/2, New Kit, Spa, Hdwd	\$212,000
Bennett, Noll Davis 531-9536 MLS 037682	
JORDAN RD , Redwd Hts, Level 3/2 w/Big Yard, Reduced!	\$210,000
Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400	
WOOD , 2-bd/2b Updated Lvl End Unit Twnhse, SF View	\$210,000
Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460	
ELNORA , Redwd Hts, Great 2bd on Large Lot	\$209,500
McDuffie 339-9290, M. Potmesil 869-4241	
LAGUNA , Lincoln Hts 2/2 Storybk Cottage, Charm, Morel	\$209,000
McDuffie 339-9290, B. Boze 869-4216	
COOLIDGE AVE , Laurel 2/1 Bungalow, Hdwd, Gardens, Yard	\$199,000
Union, Claudia Ellinghaus 339-6460	
MONTECELLO , 3 Bedrooms	\$190,000
Gadsby & Associates, Larry Haney 865-6015	
DAKOTA , Laurel Upgraded 2-bd/2ba w/Master BR Suite	\$183,000
McDuffie 339-9290, R. Bittman 869-4201	
MORCOM , Maxwell Pk 5+bd/2ba, Reduced!	\$179,500
McDuffie 339-9290, V. Moran 869-4236	
EVERETT AVE , Glenview 2 1/2 Lgh/Airy Condo, 4-unit Bldg	\$179,000
Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460	
38TH AVE , Mills College, New Listing, 3bd/1ba	\$179,000
McDuffie 339-8888, A. Ng 869-4238	
WYMAN , Maxwell Pk 3bd/1ba, Charming Engl. Tudor	\$175,000
Homes, Michael Harding 654-2669	
BENVENUE #1 , Rockridge 2bd/2ba	\$175,000
Banker, Phyllis Sagle 486-1495	
10TH AVE , 5bd/2ba Turn of the Century Victorian	\$175,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X147 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5	
THORNHILL , Montclair 2bd/2ba, Fam Rm w/Frpl	\$174,900
GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400	
MADELINE , Laurel Area, Bright Sunny 2bd Bungalow, Charm	\$173,000
Homes, Vicki Chan Case 339-4000	
MADELINE , Laurel 2/1 Charming Bungalow, Updtd Kit, Pvt Yd	\$169,000
Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460	
SCENIC , Inviting 2bd, Lg Kit, Hdws, Frpl, Lvl Yd, Garage	\$168,900
Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392 MLS 036038	
RAVENWOOD , 3bd/1ba, Enter Driveway at 2506 Potomac	\$159,000
McDuffie 339-9290, E. Barber 869-4204	
HAIR WAY , 3 Bedrooms	\$158,000
Gadsby & Associates, Margaret Gadsby 748-5305	
MIDVALE AVE , Updated 2-bd/2ba + In-Law 1/1	\$155,000
McDuffie, Eunice Edwards 834-2010	
CARLEN ST , Fixer w/View! Cottage w/2 Lots, "As Is"	\$149,000
Banker, Vicki Faulk 339-1174	
BROOKDALE , Maxwell Park, Charming Updated 2bd	\$149,000
McDuffie 339-8888, D. Otero 869-4239	
PERKINS ST #101 , Unique 2 Story 3 1/2 Condo, Updated	\$149,000
Banker, Donna Ranslem 339-1174	
WICKSBURG AVE , 2bd/1ba Charming Starter	\$135,000
World, J. Greene 839-9159 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4	
17TH ST , 3bd Totally Renovated Victorian Gem!	\$134,500
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X182	
MONTECITO #107 , Adams Pt 2/2 Bright Condo, Redone Lobby	\$129,000
Union, Claudia Ellinghaus 339-6460	
15TH ST , Charming & Affordable 3bd/1ba, Must See!	\$125,000
McDuffie, Henriette Green 834-2010	
HILLMONT DR , Charming Cozy 2 1/2 w/Frpl, Eat In Kit, Lg Yd	\$119,000
Banker, Stacy Winett 339-1174	
OUTER , Alameda 1bd+, 1ba, Cozy Frpl, Lot of Windows!	\$111,950
Gadsby & Associates, Pat 287-5080 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	
PERKINS #102 , Spacious 1bd Condo, Updtd Kit/Bath, Storage	\$73,000
Banker, Donna Ranslem 339-1174	

ALAMEDA Open Sunday
DENNISMORE CT, 3/2, Great Single Lvl Floor Plan!
McDuffie 428-0900, Cecelia Shinn 869-2325 SUNDAY 2-4:30

ALBANY Open Sunday
ALBANY, Rare Albany 5bd/2 Baths
Hill Properties 526-4336 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

KEY ROUTE, 2 Story Contemporary, 3bd/2ba
Hill Properties 526-4336 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

SPOKANE, Spl Level 2bd w/Plus Room
Oak Realty 527-3387 X201 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

RAMONA, 2 Bd Gem! View! Spectacular Kitchen!
Oak Realty 527-3387 X174 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

DARTMOUTH, Delightful 3bd Craftsman, Lg Deck
Oak Realty 527-3387 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

36 OAK RIDGE RD, Sparkling Med, Stunning Views! 5/3, Dck, Gdn
Templeton Company, Trish McEneaney 654-1280 X125

159 EL CAMINO REAL, Claremont Contemp, 4bd/2 1/2ba, Value!
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400

770 CRAGMONT, 4bd/3ba
Coldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 486-1495

1497 LEROY, 4bd/2ba
Coldwell Banker, Schoeyl Modarressi 486-1495

568 ARLINGTON, 2 Houses
Coldwell Banker, Gaby/Barbara 486-1495

485 GRIZZLY PEAK, Grand Traditional Needs Updating, 3/2+
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X182

524 GRIZZLY PEAK, 4bd/2ba
Coldwell Banker, Gilda Waldman 486-1495

1234 GLEN, 3+bd Bedrooms, 2 Baths
Coldwell Banker, Lydia Melsen 486-1495

475 GRIZZLY PEAK, New Listing! Sunny 3bd/2ba + Au Pair
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X132

1003 SIERRA, 3 Story 3-bd/2 1/2ba, Needs Work
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

780 KEELER AV, 3b/2b Sparkling Bay Views, Elegance, Garden
Templeton Company, Ron Egberman 652-2133 X127

1915 FRANCISCO, Berkeley 3bd/2ba
Coldwell Banker, Schoeyl Modarressi 486-1495

1815 CURTIS ST, Adorable 2/1 Bungalow, Huge Back Yd
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400

2335 SPAULDING AVE, 5bd/3ba Fixer, Big Lot, Good Area
Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242 SUNDAY 2-4

1600 CURTIS, 2-bd/1ba
Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495

1617 DWIGHT WAY, 2-bd w/Lots of Extra Space
Northbrae Properties 526-4336 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

2381 EUNICE, Berkeley 4bd/1 1/2ba
Coldwell Banker, Mona Thompson 486-1495

1534 ASHBY AVE, 2bd/1ba, a Must See, Value and Craftsman
Mason-McDuffie, R. Pruitt 834-2010

2430 10TH ST, 3bd/1b Condo
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X182

2029 CHANNING, New Condos, New Prices, 1 & 2 bd City Homes
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X110, 527-7964 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 to

933 ADDISON #C, 5% Moves You In!! 2bd Condo
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X182

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

7355 MANILA, El Cerrito 3bd/1ba
Coldwell Banker, Diana Kay 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

852 GALVIN DR, Craftsman Bungalow, Corner Lot View, "As Is"

Events

Mason-McDuffie hosts a Homebuyer Seminar Saturday, April 29, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Albany Community Center, 1247 Marin Ave. On hand to provide you with the information you need to purchase a home will be a tax expert, an escrow officer, and a loan agent. Refreshments provided. For more information, call Juliana or Pat at 644-5221 or 644-5279.

A Free Finance Workshop for home buyers is Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m. - noon at 1029 Solano Ave., Albany. Sponsored by CMG Mortgage, topics will include: lender guidelines and income required to qualify for a loan; low and no downpayment options; community assistance programs, points vs. no points choices; and loan program selection and overview. Reservations required. Call Karen Ward at 718-2134.

Women Empowering Women presents Electricity for Women, Part 1, Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at 2830 9th St., Berkeley. Learn the basics of home electrical repair from skilled tradeswomen. \$45 - \$60 sliding scale. Registration required. Call 649-6265.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents three workshops on Saturday, April 29: Owner Contracting: Project Management, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; Painting: Tricks of the Trade, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; and Stucco Repair: Hands-on Workshop, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., \$90. Reservations required. Call 525-7610.

The second annual Orinda Peddler's Fair, benefiting junior high and high schools throughout the East Bay and San Francisco, is Sunday, April 30, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Orinda Village. Antiques, jewelry, arts and crafts, collectibles, as well as fresh produce from the farmer's market and good food will be for sale. No admission. North off Highway 24 on Orinda Way between Safeway and Camino Pablo or a short walk from BART.

The Berkeley Association of Realtors and West Contra Costa Association of Realtors sponsor a free Discover East Bay Living 1995 Home Fair Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at El Cerrito Plaza. Approximately 60 booths will be located outside the Mall staffed by professionals from lending institutions, termite and inspection companies and real estate firms. There will be musical and dance entertainment, food and a free drawing for a romantic getaway for two.

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County and the Oakland Association of Realtors host a training session for landlords and property managers on How to Detect and Eliminate Drug Activity on Rental Property, Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 1528 Webster St., Oakland. Presented by the Oakland Police Beat Health Unit, the cost is \$10. Reservations required. Call 893-9873.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, hosts two workshops on Saturday, May 6: Owner Contracting: The Legal Aspects, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; and Landscape Design, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75. Call 525-7610.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, hosts two-day workshops, Sat. & Sun., May 6 & 7: Hardwood Floor Refinishing Hands-on Workshop, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., \$160; and Electrical Wiring Hands-on Workshop, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., \$180.

Blossom Garden, Jr. presents Kitchens For All Seasons, a self-guided tour of five historic homes in Alameda's Gold Coast area on Sunday, May 7, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (boutique open until 4 p.m.). There will also be a raffle extravaganza, cooking demonstration, gift boutique and complimentary tea. Tickets are \$15 and benefit Children's Hospital Oakland. To order tickets, call Denise Bowes-Garvin at 523-2769 or purchase tickets at the door.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents Plan Reading for Beginners, Wednesday, May 10, 7 - 10 p.m. \$35. 525-7610.

Gordon Yow, a certified general appraiser, will be at Java the Hut, 2327 Blanding Ave., Alameda, Wednesday, May 10, 6 - 8 p.m. for an informal Question and Answer Session on Common Appraisal Issues. Reservations required. Call 523-8889.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors hosts its Monthly Dinner Meeting, Thursday, May 11, 7 - 9:30 p.m. at Hs Lordships, 199 Seawall Dr., Berkeley Marina. Roger Robinson, owner of Star Inspection Group, will be the guest speaker. \$35 includes dinner. Call Dermot O'Kelly at 549-9335 for reservations.

The Alameda Homebuyers' Informational Fair is set for Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Lincoln Middle School. In addition to seminars, the free fair will feature booths, entertainment and refreshments, including a gourmet coffee booth courtesy of the Alameda Journal. For more information, call Sandy Williams at 769-8777.

The New Neighborhoods House Tour and Raffle, a benefit for The College Preparatory School, is Sat. & Sun., May 20 & 21. Visit 14 new, architect-designed homes in the fire area representing a variety of styles and time-tested to state-of-the-art building techniques. One of the homes is a Builder Magazine award winner. Call 652-6829 for more information.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Maggie Sharpe, Real Estate, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047; Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

Moving plants to your new garden

Q: My wife and I have purchased a new home and would like to take some of the plants from our present yard with us. In particular, we have a young sprout from an older aloe plant that was damaged in the 1990 frost and a cigarette fuchsia that we would like to keep. Any suggestions?

A: Regarding the aloe plant, separate the new shoot from the mother plant with a sharp knife, take all of the above-ground tissue as well as the roots. It is okay to take apart the mother plant as you separate it. Transfer the division to a container and then transplant it when convenient.

Before attempting to move the fuchsia plant, take a cutting from the new growth. The cutting should be four to six inches long; remove the bottom one-third of the leaves and dip the end in Rootone or Dip & Grow.

Put the cutting into moist potting soil or straight sand and store in a warm location that gets plenty of light but no direct sun from noon to five. The cutting will root in 4-5 weeks.

These plants act as an insurance policy in case the original plant dies after transplanting. Now for the original plant — take as much of the root ball as possible, put it into a container that fits the rootball and leave the plant in the container until you are ready to transplant it in your new yard.



the dirt gardener

by Buzz Bertolero

Q: I've got running bamboo lifting up an asphalt road. How do I kill it?

A: It is very difficult to kill bamboo under asphalt. If there are visible cracks, a herbicide can be applied to the bamboo shoot. The first thing to be done is to locate the main cluster or clump of the bamboo which is the source of the runners under the road.

Bamboo is a type of grass. Round Up does the getting rid of it, but some cautions might be not spray Round Up on the ground; it has to be on the leaves, which will then take the herbicide to the roots. Fertilizer and water to encourage new growth then spray the new growth with a little patience, but it's not a quick fix.

Q: I have quite a few containers and moss. Is there a solution to pour over the moss without killing the plants?

A: There is a product called "Moss Killer" by Safer's that can be used on the moss and reapplied as necessary.

Send your questions to Bertolero, C.C.N., c/o Hills papers, 6208 La Salle, Oakland 94611.

REALITY by TOM HOLSTLAW



As you can see, this home features a state-of-the-art solar clothes dryer.

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FEATURED ALAMEDA INVESTMENTS

*868 Shorepoint #114 - JUST LISTED The Shores - 1 BD, 1 BA, East end \$94,000

*1010 Lincoln - Original Victorian home, 3+ BD, 1+ BA \$178,000

*1218 Payot - 1 level Heritage home, 2 BD, 2 BA, large garage REDUCED \$227,500

*806 Taylor - 3 units, 4 BD, 2 BA owner, 2 BD, 1 BA, 1 BA REDUCED \$336,000

All my listings are selling - let me sell yours!!

This space reserved for your home!

*2525 Crest - The Historic Sp... 2 BD, 1 1/2 BA, E. End. REDUCED \$145,000

*2555 Santa Clara - Principals only, Owner will carry 1st. Prof. docs REDUCED \$600,000

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3BR, 2BA, fireplace, 2 car garage, basement. View of Mt. Tam, quiet court, near Canyon Trail Park. Move-in condition Alarm system, 1 level home. #W33091 Dwight Christopher 510-254-1742

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\$565 PARKING, laundry, elevator, balcony, A/EK, dishwasher, disposal, carpets, drapes. Near Piedmont. Shopping, transportation. 601-8769.

\$570-585 MOVE-IN special. Large 1 bedrooms, parking. Near Piedmont. 612 Mariposa. 565-5845.

\$570-275 41st Street, 1 bedroom, eat-in kitchen, gas heat. Close to BART, 2 blocks to Piedmont Ave. New carpet and paint. Parking. Call 547-1609.

\$570 ADAMS Point 1 bedroom sunny top floor. Large walk-in closet, laundry. Spacious, charming studio \$450. Includes utilities. 832-3687/462-3260.

\$575
LOWER ROCKRIDGE
Sunny 1 bedroom, Gas kitchen, parking, near UC and transportation. 839-8292.

\$575-825 SUNNY 1 bedroom near Kaiser and Piedmont Avenue, parking available. No pets. 654-2121.

\$575-420 PERKINS- Junior 1 bedroom, top floor, lots of natural light, deck, compact kitchen, quiet quality building, intercom entry, coin laundry, close to Grand Ave., 1 block north of Lake. Call 893-4443.

\$575 ADAMS Point. New carpet/paint, dishwasher, balcony, mini-blinds, security building, convenient transportation, laundry, no pets. 421 Statton. 763-9151, 921-9739.

\$575 ADAMS Point, remodeled Victorian, new kitchen, newly painted, Levolors, 3 large closets, laundry. 415-6333.

\$575 ADAMS Point 1 bedroom, lovely gardens, quiet building. Good credit rating. For appointment 510-530-4891.

\$575 CONVENIENT, four blocks to Lake, clean, fourplex, New paint, Levolors, wall-to-wall carpets, parking and laundry. 471-2701 St. 415-472-3881.

\$575 COZY cottage in Mormon Temple area. Quiet street, nice yard. Cats okay. 769-0300. 531-6348.

\$575 LARGE 1 bedroom, near Lake Merritt, large closets, balcony, dishwasher, elevator, wall-to-wall carpets, garage, laundry facility. 420 Bellevue. 763-1947 or 261-0948.

\$575 ONE bedroom near Grand Ave., pool, parking, cat negotiable! Agent 523-1166.

\$575 ONE bedroom near Piedmont Ave. Water and garbage paid. Off-street parking. On-site manager. Laundry. Pet negotiable. 465-9064/351-7993.

\$575 SUNNY, freshly painted, security building, elevator, parking, laundry. No pets. 3830 Harrison. 655-0128, 521-6314.

\$575 SUNNY, large, 1 bedroom, hardwoods, parking available. Cat okay. 333 Park View Terrace. 415-391-4160.

\$580 ADAMS Point, 1 bedroom condo, free parking, security building, pool, balcony, more 534-3218.

\$585 IVY Drive neighborhood, extra large, hardwood floors, laundry, garage, near Lake, cat okay. 893-7247.

\$585 SUNNY, quiet, 1 bedroom, upstairs, small deck, back yard, washer/dryer. Alcatraz Ave., near Telegraph. No pets. 845-6361.

\$590 ONE bedroom, large, sunny, new paint, carpets, laundry. Lake/transportation. 690 Montclair. 634-5505, 523-8950.

\$595-8610 LARGE bright 1 bedrooms in quiet Spanish style building, near Piedmont Avenue/BART, 349 38th Street, 615-6524.

\$595 365 WARWICK- Large 1 bedroom. Top floor, sunny, great natural light. Quiet building. New carpet. Walk to Lake and shopping. Call 465-0969.

\$595 421 STATEN- 1 bedroom, 1 block north of Lake. Quiet building, good natural light, fresh paint, carpet, parking, laundry. Call 531-6969.

\$595 CONDO near Rose garden, quiet secured building, garage, laundry, storage. Office. 415-978-1940, home 415-821-7658.

\$595 GLENVIEW Charming 1920's 4-plex. Cozy, sunny, built-ins, French doors, roof top deck, private entrance, hardwoods original character. 415-921-7446.

\$595 LARGE, remodeled, Corner, top floor. Older, well-maintained building, hardwoods. Cable. Near Piedmont Ave. 601-5501.

\$595 LARGE 1 bedroom, Brooklyn Hill. Hardwood floors, sunny, quiet, luxurious. Walk to Lake. 839-4828.

\$595 PIEDMONT Border. QUIET, SECURE 1 bedroom, Walk-in closet, large private patio, new paint, carpet, drapes. Good for seniors. 339-9662.

\$595 UNFURNISHED 1 bedroom, quiet secure building, with parking, excellent location. 658-0964.

\$600-555 ONE bedrooms, security building, microwave, dishwasher, garbage disposal, balcony. Laundry rooms, garage. 547-4728.

\$600 311 LEE. Fireplace, sunny, quiet, clean, patio. Water, garbage, off-street parking included. References. 530-8931.

\$600 EXTRA Large 1 bedroom, Charming Older Ten Unit Building. Close to Grand, Lake. 251-8438.

\$600 GLENVIEW District, laundry, storage, gas stove. Water/garbage included. No pets. Year lease. Weekend appointment, call Monday-Friday. 510-531-2510.

\$600 LARGE 1 bedroom, walk-in closets, near Lake, well-maintained older building, heat/water/garbage paid. Laundry, on-site parking. 451-6086.

725 1 BED. APT. RENTALS Oakland - Piedmont & So.

\$600 ONE bedroom apartment. Utilities included. Near Grand Lake Theater. No pets. 835-4527.

\$620-5640 ONE bedroom, near Piedmont, security, garage, dishwasher, A/EK, laundry, balcony, no pets. 652-5299.

\$625
CHARM OF 1920'S
Style with modern day conveniences offered in classic English Tudor security building, convenient China Hill location. Features elegant living room with decorative fireplace, hardwood floors, separate breakfast room, spacious walk-in closets. Parking available. (510)482-3372; (510)547-4020; (415)459-1307.

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\$625 GRAND Lake area. Charming, sunny, 1 bedroom in small older building, hardwood floors, laundry in building. 652-3806.

\$625 LAKESHORE, spacious 1 bedroom, top floor. Balcony, carpets, drapes, garage, elevator. No pets. 834-5377.

\$625 MONTCLAIR, Snake Road. Furnished bedroom in private home. Private bath. Sunporch. Parking View. (510)339-1019.

\$625 PLUS deposit. 1 bedroom, all utilities free. New paint/appliances, coin laundry. 835-2475/465-7665.

\$625 SPACIOUS 1 bedroom, sunny, dishwasher, patio, laundry, 13 unit building, water/garbage paid, secured parking. 373 Staten. 465-9064/351-7963.

\$625 UPPER Lakeshore area. Spacious, dishwasher, parking, laundry, balcony. Cat okay. 465-9064/351-7963.

\$630-565 PIEDMONT border. Spacious, sunny, quiet. Large deck, parking, closets galore, excellent location. 428-1242.

\$635 CHINA Hill large 1 bedroom plus study in 1920s building, 9' ceiling, bay windows, sunny, quiet, new paint and blinds, good neighborhood, garden. 465-8774.

\$635 LAKE Merritt area fourplex. Large, garage, laundry, carpet, pets, non-smoking. Hillsborough Street. 533-1852.

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\$640 QUIANT flat near Piedmont Ave., fireplace, hardwood floors, dining room area, storage area. \$650 with washer/dryer. Linda 452-2119.

\$645 GLENVIEW secluded, quiet, clean, new carpet, blinds, large kitchen, garage parking. 833-1956.

\$645
★UPSCALE★
Near Piedmont with men's and women's saunas. 360 Monte Vista. Balcony, carpeting, dishwasher, laundry, garage parking, storage. 656-6279.

\$650 DIMOND, large, sunny, hardwood floors, custom woodwork, yard, laundry, parking. Includes utilities. 462-5790.

\$650 ENGLISH Tudor, China Hill. Garden, hardwoods, large closets, fireplace, old world charm. 452-0386/763-9104.

\$650 MONTCLAIR, 6511 Lucas. Walk to Village. New paint and carpets. Available now. 339-8505.

\$650 NEAR Piedmont/Rose garden. Spacious, sunny, balcony, dishwasher, laundry, parking. References required. 254-3263/655-5749.

\$650 ONE bedroom condo near Lake, many closets, balcony, pool, parking. Days 814-8033, evenings 530-8706.

\$650 PIEDMONT Ave. area, 1 bedroom, lower flat, fireplace, close to transportation. No pets or waterbed. non-smoking. 654-4199 after 6.

\$656 SUNNY, clean upper 1 bedroom in quiet 1920's sixplex, near Grand Lake Theatre. Includes parking, large storage, laundry. 420-8895.

\$650 UPPER Grand. Parking, garbage disposal, dishwasher, balcony, carpet, walk-in closet. Security deposit \$500. 836-1396.

\$655 CHARMING, spacious 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, fireplace, dining room, tile. 307 Lee St. 763-2163.

\$655 SPACIOUS 1 Bedroom, balcony, parking. Spotless building. Near Grand, Oakland-SF. Transportation 893-0711.

\$660
NEAR PIEDMONT
One bedroom, balcony, off-street parking, walk to Piedmont Ave. On Linda. 841-5979.

\$660 ADAMS Point all new appliances including dishwasher, hardwood floors, parking, 1/2 off month's rent. 330 Van Buren. 839-6718.

\$660 SPACIOUS 1 bedroom, Private Balcony, Parking. Lovely Wood Details. Clean, Fresh and Quiet. 268-1006.

\$670 OVER 1000 sq. ft., top floor, Victorian. Bohemian charm. Carpeted, elevator. Near Lake. 414-0620.

\$675
ATTRACTIVE BUILDING
Spacious, quiet, 1 bedroom, cathedral ceiling, balcony, garage, cable, immaculate condition. 465-5854.

\$675
DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
180 Montclair- Large 1 bedroom, lots of natural light, dining room, hardwood floors, fresh paint, tiled kitchen and bath. Includes parking. Must see! 836-1977.

\$675 211 HANOVER (corner of Hanover and Lakeshore) 1 bedroom, charming older building, lots of natural light. Close to Lake, shopping and transportation. 531-6969.

\$675 CHARMING North Oakland cottage. 1 bedroom in wooded setting. Fireplace, hardwoods. Must see. 415-291-9552.

\$675 CHINA Hill large unit in 5-plex, hardwood floors, spacious kitchen, formal dining room. Heat/water included, parking available. 893-9380.

\$675 CONDO York Towers, good shopping area, 3rd floor. Very clean, balcony, pool, security. 832-0323.

\$675 GLENVIEW nice 1 bedroom in-law. Separate entrance, new paint. Deck, laundry, storage. Walk to shops and bus. 231-0905.

\$675 INCLUDES utilities. Large 1 bedroom duplex. Quiet street. Backyard. Carpets. Near Piedmont Ave. 547-8211.

\$675 NORTH Oakland (Temescal) Duplex, pets considered. Hardwood floors, share yard. Laundry. 41771 Opel. 836-4663.

\$675 SECURITY deposit \$600. Large 1 bedroom, carpeted, walk-in closets. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. 655-4488.

\$675 UPPER Grand, near Piedmont, sunny, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, walk-in closets, laundry. 832-5811.

\$685 PIEDMONT border/upper Grand. Spotless, 1 bedroom flat in quiet attractive triplex. Includes garage, patio. Lawn area. Lovely residential area! Walk transportation/shops. 510-451-1140.

\$695 ROCKRIDGE, security building, newly painted, hardwoods, laundry, new tile kitchen floor. Near BART. 654-3010.

\$700 AVAILABLE May 1st. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet, view, on-site in excellent neighborhood. References. deposit. 510-653-7656.

\$700 SPOTLESS 1 bedroom condo, secure building, Lakeshore area. Close/shops, transportation. Underground secured parking. Available April 1. No pets. Torill Harge. Realty World. 450-0500.

\$705 DESIRABLE Glenview 1920's charmer. Bay window, sunny, security fourplex. Updated kitchen, bath, lots of storage. Near shops/transportation. garage available. Cats okay. 452-1338/415-966-0267.

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\$720 EXTRA large, sunny, Spanish-style, 1 bed, modern, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, many windows. All utilities included. Near Lake. 834-6646.

\$720 NEAR PIEDMONT, large, sunny, formal dining, balcony, laundry, secure entrance/parking. Bus, shopping. 652-7719.

\$725
ENORMOUS
Very quiet corner, sunny 1 bedroom with separate dressing area. Large private balcony with view, carpet, mini-blinds, fresh paint. Garbage, water, parking included. Pets okay. No dogs. 420-1350.

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LUXURY APARTMENT
285 Lee St. 1 bedroom, newer building. Quiet. Best Adams Point location. Balcony, walk-in closet, microwave, parking, laundry. Must See! Call 465-3046.

\$725 LARGE bedroom, living room, formal dining room, garage. No pets. Upper Grand Ave. 482-0860.

\$725
OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY 1-4
Historic Art Deco building, Adams Point. Walk-in closet, 1920's tiled bathroom, renovated kitchen, laundry, garden. 315 Parkview Terrace. 832-4782.

\$725 ROCKRIDGE 1 bedroom upstairs flat, duplex, spacious, sunny, quiet, easy walk-BART/ shops. 658-9370.

\$750 LAKE view, spacious, clean, light, quiet. Single automobile garage. Mature cat. Under 15 pounds age. Requirements: A-1 credit, etc. 2 year lease. 763-7676.

\$750 ONE bedroom, 1 bath, College Ave./ Berkeley border. Living room, eat-in kitchen. Kevin 654-8707.

\$750 PIEDMONT area, 1 bedroom, top floor condo. Security building with parking. All appliances. 415-435-0947.

\$750 SPACIOUS security garden apartment. 3817 Shafter. Water/garbage paid. Rent pet negotiable. 654-6747, 415-573-0716.

\$750 UPPER Rockridge. 1 bedroom garden apartment. Newly remodeled. Laundry, off-street parking, quiet, alarm. Close to shops and all transportation. All utilities included. Non-smoking. No pets. 658-9975.

\$760 SUNNY 1 bedroom, charming fourplex, formal dining, oak floors, walk-in closet. View. Parking. Storage. Near Piedmont. Pets negotiable. 832-3583.

\$765 UPPER Rockridge: Hardwoods, top floor, Bay View, security, balcony, laundry. 5901 Broadway. 836-4663, 652-9321.

\$775
MONTCLAIR VILLAGE
Walk to shopping/transportation. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, garage. Drive by 6526 Lucas Ave. Call Bob Scherer. 655-1413. No dogs.

\$775 1/2 block off Piedmont Avenue, on courtyard, sunny, clean, separate dining room, fourplex. 763-8974.

\$800-1200 LAKE Merritt large Spanish style 1 bedroom, sunny, high beamed ceilings, 20 ft. living room, huge closets, dishwasher, parking, laundry. (415)861-0474.

\$800
PIEDMONT BORDER
1920's Mediterranean. Very large 1 bedroom. Parquet hardwood floors, gas stove, large living room, dining room, walk-in closets, 9 ft. ceilings, views, laundry, storage, cable ready. Looking for security building available. 1001 Warfield Ave. 652-7900.

\$800 PLUS security. Spacious upper level, 1 bedroom, plus den in owner occupied classic Victorian duplex, well-maintained. Modern kitchen with disposal and dishwasher. High ceilings, sunny, with views. Wood floor and new carpeting in bedrooms. No pets. 832-5498 for appointment.

\$820 MONTCLAIR large Pets okay, dog run, garage, fireplace, laundry, Cable. Quiet. May 1. 339-2398.

\$840 PIEDMONT border, large immaculate 1 bedroom. New appliances, laundry, parking. Lease. No pets. 654-4277.

\$849 MONTCLAIR in-law unit. Full kitchen, living room, view, separate entrance. Near Skyline parks. 351-2054.

\$875 INCLUDES all utilities plus cable. Beautiful, unique Mexican tile floors, 17x15 bedroom. Potential live/work. Big back yard, gardening service. China Hill. 444-2698/655-2319.

\$900 GLENVIEW, quiet duplex, large 1 bedroom, parking, view. Garbage, water paid. 4324 Leach. 895-2510.

\$900 SPACIOUS, sunny 1 bedroom, 1 block above Grand near Piedmont. Hardwood floors. Water, disposal, dishwasher, garage. Must see. 547-6806.

\$925 ROCKRIDGE 1 bedroom, great view. Garage parking. Storage, atrium. No pets. 655-6783.

\$1100 ROCKRIDGE 1 bedroom large flat. Hardwood, painted, well-maintained. Antique. Cable, no pets, non-smoking. 665-6174.

\$1500
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Piedmont 1 bedroom with spectacular bay view. Fireplace, hardwood floors, granite counter top, marble bath. 597-0482 evenings; 655-1200 days.

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726 2 BED. APT. RENTALS
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\$475-5625 ONE bedrooms/ 2 bedrooms available. Security building, water and garbage paid. Lake Shore/ Grand lake areas. 834-4433/ 836-1383.

\$485-5685 STUDIOS/ 2 bedrooms available. Newly remodeled building. Secure, spacious, close to transportation. 451-6612.

\$495 NEAR Mills College. Yard, parking, view, deck, walk-to-walk. Laird Ave./ Seminary. #46280-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

\$575-700. \$485 ONE/ 2 bedrooms/ Studio. Piedmont border/ Rose Garden. Security. 630 Mariposa. 653-6601.

\$595 TWO bedroom, older security building, 1 block above Grand Lake, most utilities included. 655-2076.

\$600 TWO bedroom in-law apartment. utilities paid. Nice area by 580 freeway. 800 move-in. 635-4429.

\$625 TWO bedroom townhouse, quiet off-street setting and parking, new appliances. CPTS/Select 444-0276.

\$650 IMMACULATE 1 bedroom duplex, near 35th and MacArthur, hardwood floors, garage, yard. 540-0238.

\$650 IVY Hill 2 bedroom with view in attractive well-maintained 1930's building. Huge rooms, airy and sunlit. Tiled bath, tile ceilings, large dining area. Closets! 419-0449.

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\$650 NORTH Oakland 2 bedroom, 1 bath, like new, off-street parking. 5002 Webster St. 522-6811.

\$675 296 LESTER- Small 2 bedroom (1 ideal for office). Fresh paint, new carpet, new window coverings. Quiet 8 unit building, laundry. Call 531-6969.

\$675 3779 HARRISON above 580. Small 2 bedroom, quiet 3rd floor unit, dining area, deck, parking included, coin laundry. Call 531-6969.

\$675 SPACIOUS Immaculate quiet fourplex, eat-in kitchen, blinds, carport, utilities. 35th Ave above MacArthur. 531-8869.

\$675 SPECIAL near Lake, 1000 sq. ft. AEK, garage, laundry, storage. \$700 deposit.

\$675 TWO bedroom, 1 bath, 15 unit building. Pool. Close to Piedmont Ave. Michelle 531-7005.

\$685-725 DIMOND District, master suite, new building. 29th MacArthur, security parking. Move-in special. 530-4799.

\$685 SPECTACULAR view, Lake Merritt, balcony, laundry. Near shops/transportation. 763-4019, 652-1292.

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Three bedroom, 2 bath, upper Laurel Hill, quiet neighborhood, fireplace, laundry room, appliances included. Call 510-253-1070.

LAUREL, quiet neighborhood, spacious, dining, private garden/ sun deck. Call 510-253-1070.

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LAKE area. Dining room, hardwood floors, garden, near transportation/ freeway/ shopping. 451-7148.

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NEWER construction, 2257 sq. ft. 2 bath, 2 car garage, kitchen, laundry, 2 car garage. Near Mormon Temple. 654-6461.

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